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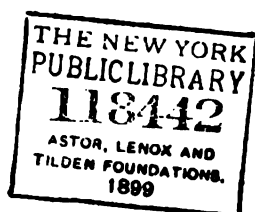
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Trinity Church. }*

THIS being the time and place appointed for the meeting of the annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Massachusetts, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, with several of the Clergy and Lay Delegates, assembled in Trinity Church, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. George Leeds, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Salem. The Ante-Communion Service was read by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, assisted, in the Epistle, by the Rev. Henry Anthon, D. D., Rector of St. Mark's Church, New York.

The Annual Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. John Wayland, D. D., Rector of St. James's Church, Roxbury, from the text, St. Mark xvi. 20 : *And they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.*

After which, at the Offertory, which was read by the Rev. J. S. Copley Greene, a collection was made in aid of the funds of the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen of the Diocese. The Holy Communion was then administered to the Clergy, and to a large number of the Laity, by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. George Leeds.

The congregation having retired, the Chair was taken by the Bishop, and the following list of clergymen entitled to seats in the Convention was called over by the Secretary :

The Rt. Rev. MANTON EASTBURN, D. D.,

The Rev. S. B. Babcock,	The Rev. J. P. Hubbard,
" Wm. S. Bartlet,	" John Irwin,
" Alfred L. Baury,	" T. R. Lambert,
" <i>Nath'l T. Bent,</i>	" George Leeds,
" <i>Gordon M. Bradley,</i>	" Charles Mason,
" William H. Brooks,	" C. F. McRae,
" John T. Burrill,	" W. H. Monroe,
" Benjamin H. Chase,	" <i>A. M. Morrison,</i>
" <i>Moses B. Chase,</i>	" George Packard,
" Robert F. Chase,	" Wm. P. Page,
" William S. Child,	" <i>R. J. Parvin,</i>
" Charles Cleveland,	" Emery M. Porter,
" Joseph H. Clinch,	" Geo. M. Randall,
" William B. Colburn,	" Edward A. Renouf,
" Andrew Crosswell,	" Spencer M. Rice,
" Samuel Cutler,	" John B. Richmond,
" Legh R. Dickinson,	" John P. Robinson,
" Edward L. Drown,	" <i>John H. Rouse,</i>
" Asa Eaton D. D.,	" Samuel B. Shaw,
" Theodore Edson, D. D.,	" <i>G. C. Shepard, D. D.,</i>
" Thomas F. Fales,	" Edmund F. Slafter,
" Justin Field,	" John Cotton Smith,
" William Flint,	" Wm. T. Smithett,
" Thomas B. Flower,	" Theodore W. Snow,
" Samuel Fuller, D. D.,	" Moses P. Stickney,
" Lewis Green,	" J. S. Stone, D. D.,
" J. S. Copley Greene,	" J. S. Townsend,
" Alfred B. Goodrich,	" A. H. Vinton, D. D.,
" Isaac W. Hallam,	" J. Wayland, D. D.,
" David G. Haskins,	" E. M. P. Wells, D. D.,
" Nicholas Hoppin,	" <i>Geo. D. Wildes,</i>
" William Horton,	" <i>Shipley W. Willson,</i>

Who, with the exception of those whose names are printed in *italics*, appeared and took their seats.

The certificates of the Lay Delegates were then handed in, and the names of the Delegates called over by the Secretary. In this list, those whose names are not printed in *italics*, were present during some part of the session.

Trinity Church, Boston. George M. Dexter, Benjamin P. Richardson, Edward Blake.

Christ Church, Boston.

St. Paul's Church, Boston. William B. Reynolds, Benjamin F. Hallett, Charles H. Parker.

Grace Church, Boston. Robert M. Mason, Richard Girdler, Richard Sullivan, Jr.

Church of the Messiah, Boston. Samuel H. Gregory, Charles W. Moore, Thomas Bacall.

Church of the Advent, Boston. George C. Shattuck, M. D., Richard H. Dana, Jr., Samuel Eliot.

St. Mark's Church, Boston. Henry Burroughs, Francis J. Parker, John E. Rousmaniere.

St. Matthew's Church, South Boston. David Clapp, Edward H. Brainard, Samuel H. Jenks.

St. John's Church, East Boston. William H. Calrow, Myron Turner, William Munroe.

St. Luke's Church, Chelsea. Sebeus C. Maine, Joel Patrick, Orren E. Downing.

Christ Church, Cambridge. Herbert H. Stimpson, Charles F. Foster, Henry M. Parker.

St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport. Isaac Lum, Luther Crane.

St. John's Church, Charlestown. John Curtis, Peter Hubbell, Samuel Nott.

Christ Church, Medford.

St. Anne's Church, Lowell. Oliver E. Cushing, William A. Burke.

St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls. Ezra Warren, Alfred Hooker, Charles Morse.

Christ Church, Waltham. Joseph G. Moody, Gilbert H. Cheney.

St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton. Luke Whitney, Joseph Burnett.

St. Paul's Church, Brookline. James S. Amory, Thomas Parsons, William Aspinwall.

St. Paul's Church, Dedham. Ira Cleveland, William Ames, Rufus E. Dixon.

St. Mary's Church, Dorchester. Martin L. Bradford, Moses G. Cobb, John P. Clapp.

Christ Church, Quincy.

St. James's Church, Roxbury. Sanford M. Hunt, William Raymond Lee, Francis Hilliard.

St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain. William H. Sumner, Edward N. Perkins, William Blake.

St. James's Church, Amesbury.

Christ Church, Andover. Marcus Morton, Jr., Eastman Sanborn, Samuel Gray.

Grace Church, Lawrence. A. D. Blanchard, J. G. Safford.

St. Stephen's Church, Lynn. E. S. Davis, J. F. Kimball, John Renton.

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport. Edward S. Rand, Edward S. Mosely, David Wood.

St. Peter's Church, Salem. Benjamin P. Chamberlain, Stephen B. Ives, Francis Cox.

Trinity Church, Bridgewater. John Edson, George L. Edson.

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover. George Curtis, John Cushing, James Waterman.

Christ Church, Plymouth.

- Church of the Ascension, Fall River.*
Grace Church, New Bedford. John Kehew, William G. Blackler, Edmund Rodman.
Trinity Church, Pawtucket.
Christ Church, Swansea. William Pearce, George Austin, Preserved S. Gardner.
St. Thomas's Church, Taunton. Edmund H. Bennett, William H. Bartlett, Albert Pitts.
Christ Church, Clappville.
St. John's Church, Millville. James B. Hall, Gideon B. Mowry, Henry S. Mansfield.
• *St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville.* Seth Hartwell, Silas Chase, Abram Chase.
All Saints' Church, Worcester. Thomas Bottomly, Sumner Pratt, H. K. Newcomb.
Grace Church, Chicopee.
Christ Church, Springfield. John B. Stebbins, George N. Winchester, James H. Morton.
St. James's Church, Great Barrington. G. Pyncheon, L. G. Robbins.
St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough. N. B. Williams, A. G. Lewis, W. D. B. Linn.
Trinity Church, Lenox. Jared Bradley, Oliver C. Bul-lard, Daniel Barnes.
St. Paul's Church, Otis.
St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.
St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.
Trinity Church, Vandeusenville. Eber Stone, Michael Van Deusen.
St. Andrew's Church, New Boston.
St. John's Church, Ashfield.
St. James's Church, Greenfield. H. W. Clapp, Richard E. Field, Charles K. Grennell.

St. John's Church, Northampton, Thomas L. Rayner, Samuel L. Hinckley, George Wilson.

Church of the Messiah, Wood's Hole. Ezekiel Swift, Erasmus Gould.

St. Paul's Church, Nantucket. Charles H. Starbuck, Charles C. Myrick.

A quorum being present, the Convention proceeded to business.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rules of Order adopted by the last Convention be adopted for the government of this Body.

On motion,

Resolved, That in the election of a Secretary balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. Joseph H. Clinch, the former Secretary, be re-elected to that office.

On motion,

Resolved, That in the election of a Treasurer balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. Samuel B. Babcock, the former Treasurer, be re-elected to that office.

On motion,

Resolved, That clergymen of this Church not entitled to seats in the Convention, and Candidates for Holy Orders, be admitted to be present at the sittings of this Body.

Whereupon, the following gentlemen appeared, and took seats in the Convention:

The Rt. Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D., Bishop of New Hampshire.

The Rev. Henry Anthon, D. D., Diocese of New York.

“ Heman Dyer, D. D., “ “

The Rev. Francis Granger,	Diocese of Ohio.
" Edward Bourne, L.L.D.,	" Vermont.
" Francis Byrne,	" Jamaica, W. I.
" W. C. Brown,	" Missouri.
" G. Lewis Platt,	" Massachusetts.
" Edward Anthon,	" "
" Francis A. Foxcroft,	" "
" Charles H. Canfield,	" "
" William Withington,	" "
" Henry Burroughs, Jr.,	" "
William Stevens Perry, Candidate for Orders,	"

The Chair having announced that the Rt. Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D., Bishop of New Hampshire, was present, it was,

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rt. Rev. Bishop Chase be invited to take a seat in the Convention, and that a chair be placed for him, at the right hand of the President.

The Chair appointed the following Committees:

Committee on Qualifications. Rev. Theodore W. Snow, Rev. Isaac W. Hallam, David Wood.

Committee on New Parishes. Rev. Samuel Cutler, Rev. John B. Richmond, Marcus Morton, Jr.

Committee on Finance. Rev. Samuel B. Shaw, James S. Amory, Edward Blake.

Executive Committee. Rev. John S. Stone, D. D., Rev. George M. Randall, Rev. William S. Bartlet.

Committee on Unfinished Business. Rev. Theodore Edson, D. D., William B. Reynolds.

The Secretary asked permission of the Convention to appoint the Rev. Edmund F. Slafter, assistant Secretary, which request was, on motion, granted.

The application of Grace Church, Newton Corner, for

admission into union with this Convention was presented by the Rev. Thomas F. Fales, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on New Parishes.

On motion,

Resolved, That the amendments to the Constitution, on page 30, of last year's Journal, be made the order of the day for to-morrow, at 10 o'clock.

On motion,

Resolved, That the elections be the order of the day for to-morrow, at 11 o'clock.

The Secretary presented to the Convention a communication from the Rev. M. A. D'W. Howe, Secretary of the General Convention, in reference to a proposed alteration of Article II. of the Constitution, as follows :

The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies informs the House of Bishops, that it has adopted the following resolution.

Resolved, The House of Bishops concurring, that it is expedient to amend the Constitution, by substituting for the second Article of the same the following Article :

ARTICLE II.

The Church in each Diocese shall be entitled to a representation of both the clergy and the laity. Such representation shall consist of not more than four clergymen and four laymen, communicants in this Church, residents in the Diocese, and chosen in the manner prescribed by the Convention thereof. And in all questions when required by the clerical and lay representation from any Diocese, each order shall have one vote ; and the majority of suffrages by Dioceses shall be conclusive in each order, provided such majority comprehend a majority of the Dioceses represented in that order at the time of the vote. The concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to constitute a vote of the Convention. If the Convention of any Diocese should neglect or decline to appoint clerical deputies, or if they should neglect or decline to appoint lay deputies, or if any of those of either order appointed should neglect to attend or be pre-

vented by sickness or any other accident, such Diocese shall nevertheless be considered as duly represented by such deputy or deputies as may attend, whether lay or clerical. And if, through the neglect of the Convention, or any of the Churches which shall have adopted, or may hereafter adopt this Constitution, no deputies, either lay or clerical, should attend at any General Convention, the Church in such Dioceses shall nevertheless be bound by the acts of such Convention.

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, that the above proposed amendment be made known to the several Diocesan Conventions.

The Committee (Bishop Delancy dissenting, objecting to any legislation on the subject,) recommend that the House of Bishops concur in the foregoing resolutions.

JOHN H. HOPKINS, *Chairman of the Committee.*

On motion,

Resolved, That when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn to 4 o'clock, this P. M.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now adjourn.

Adjourned.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Some additional certificates of Lay Delegates were handed in and read, and referred to the Committee on Qualifications.

The Bishop then delivered his annual address.

Annual Address.

MY BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY :

On the Monday after the adjournment of our last Convention, January 15, at an Ordination held in Trinity Church, Boston, I admitted to Deacon's Orders Mr. J. S. Copley Greene, a Candidate for Orders of this Diocese. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Fales, Rector of Christ Church, Waltham. Mr. Greene has officiated, since his Ordination, as an Assistant to Mr. Fales.

On the Third Sunday after the Epiphany, January 21, I confirmed 4 in the afternoon in St. John's, East Boston.

On the evening of Wednesday, February 14, in St. Paul's, Dedham, after addresses by the Rev. Messrs. Cutler and Randall, and by the Rector of the parish, I concluded with a few remarks to the congregation assembled, on the duties and responsibilities of professed Christians; — this being one of the public meetings of the Southern District Church Missionary Association.

On the First Sunday in Lent, February 25, I confirmed 14 in the afternoon in St. Mary's Free Church for Sailors, Boston; 2 of the candidates being from the Church of the Advent, Boston.

On Tuesday, March 6, at an Ordination held in St. Paul's, Brookline, I admitted to Deacon's Orders Mr. Legh Richmond Dickinson, a Candidate for Orders who had been transferred, not long before, from the Diocese of New York. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Charles Mason, Rector of Grace Church, Boston. Mr. Dickinson has been officiating, ever since his ordination, as an Assistant to the Rector of St. Paul's, Brookline.

On the Third Sunday in Lent, March 11, I confirmed 21 in the afternoon in St. Paul's, Boston, and catechized the children.

On the Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 18, I had the pleasure of

visiting, for the first time, the recently organized parish of St. John's, Sandwich; preaching in the morning in their temporary, but very convenient place of worship, catechizing the Sunday scholars in the afternoon, and confirming 8 persons in the evening.

On the Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 25, I confirmed 15 in the morning in Trinity Church, Boston; and

In the afternoon of the same day, confirmed 2, and catechized the children, in St. Mark's, Boston.

On the Sunday next before Easter, April 1, I confirmed 7 in the afternoon in St. Paul's, Brookline; and

In the evening of the same day, confirmed 15 in the Church of the Messiah, Boston.

On Good Friday, April 6, I confirmed 17 in the evening in St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston.

Easter Day, April 8, I confirmed 3 in the afternoon in Grace Church, Medford.

On the First Sunday after Easter, April 15, I confirmed 10 in the morning in St. John's, Charlestown;

In the afternoon of the same day, confirmed 9 in Christ Church, Cambridge; and

In the evening, confirmed 16 in Christ Church, Boston.

In the evening of Thursday, April 19, in the Church of the Messiah, Boston, I attended a Missionary Meeting of the Southern District Church Missionary Association; and, after addresses by the Rev. Messrs. Cutler, Drown, and Babcock, made some concluding exhortations to the congregation assembled.

On Thursday, April 26, at an Ordination held in St. John's, East Boston, I admitted to Deacon's Orders Mr. William H. Munroe, a Candidate for Orders of this Diocese. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. John Irwin, Rector of the parish. Mr. Munroe has been officiating, since his ordination, as the Minister of

Grace Church, Chicopee; the charge of which has been resigned, since the last Convention, by the Rev. Mr. Jessup, who has been transferred to the Diocese of Maine.

On the Third Sunday after Easter, April 29, I confirmed 10 in the morning in St. Thomas's Church, Taunton; and also met and addressed the children of the Sunday School. In the afternoon, the Rev. T. W. Snow preached to the congregation for the last time as Rector of the parish; thus closing a ministry of eight years among that people. Mr. Snow has been compelled to take this step by an affection of the throat, which requires rest, to a certain extent, from public speaking. He carries with him the affectionate prayers and wishes of those among whom he has labored; and will, I trust, by this temporary cessation of parochial duty, be enabled to resume it at no distant period. He has recently accepted an agency for that admirable institution, the American Sunday School Union; and has been succeeded in the charge of St. Thomas's, Taunton, by the Rev. Edward Anthon, Deacon, who has been received by letters dimissory from the Diocese of New York.

On St. Philip and St. James's Day, Tuesday, May 1, at an Ordination held in Trinity Church, Boston, I admitted to Priest's Orders the Rev. Benjamin H. Chase, Deacon, Minister of St. John's, Wilkinsonville. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Charles Mason; who, together with the Rev. Messrs. Baury, Randall, and Snow, of this Diocese, and the Rev. W. N. Pendleton, of the Diocese of Virginia, united with me in the imposition of hands.

On the Fourth Sunday after Easter, May 6, I confirmed 9 in the afternoon in St. Matthew's, South Boston; making, in addition to 2 hereafter to be mentioned, 11 for the year; and

In the evening of the same day, confirmed 16 in Grace Church, Boston.

On Tuesday, May 8, I confirmed 14 in the evening in St. Paul's,

Boston; making, with the 21 already mentioned, 85 as the whole number for the year.

On the fifth Sunday after Easter, May 13, I preached in the morning in the Church of the Ascension, Fall River, and also examined the children in the Catechism; and confirmed 22 in the same church in the evening.

In the afternoon of the same day I preached, and catechized the children, in Christ Church, Swansea.

Ascension Day, May 17, I confirmed 12 in the evening in Trinity Church, Pawtucket.

On Friday, May 18, I confirmed 5 in the evening in St. John's, Millville. Not long before the time of my visit, the vacancy in the Rectorship of this parish, caused by the resignation of Mr. Rice, had been filled by the election of the Rev. Alfred B. Goodrich, from the Diocese of Connecticut.

On Tuesday, May 22, I confirmed 4 in the evening in St. Stephen's, Lynn.

On Wednesday, May 23, I confirmed 13 in the afternoon in St. Peter's, Salem, and also a sick parishioner at her own residence.

On Thursday, May 24, I confirmed 8 in the afternoon in St. Michael's, Marblehead.

On Friday, May 25, I confirmed 5 in the evening in St. Paul's, Newburyport, and also a sick member of the parish at his own house.

Whit-Sunday, May 27, I preached in the morning, and catechized the children, in St. Andrew's, Hanover; confirmed 12 in the afternoon; and again preached in the evening.

Tuesday in Whit-sun Week, May 29, I confirmed 2 in the afternoon in Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

On Thursday, May 31, in Christ Church, Andover, I catechized the children of the parish in the afternoon, and confirmed 7 in the evening.

Trinity Sunday, June 3, I confirmed 7 in the evening in St. Mary's, Dorchester.

On Tuesday, June 5, I confirmed 10 in the evening in Christ Church, Springfield.

On Wednesday, June 6, I confirmed 7 in the evening in Grace Church, Chicopee.

On Thursday, June 7, I confirmed 1 in the afternoon in St. James's, Greenfield. A deep sadness was cast over this visit by the illness of our venerable brother, the Rev. Dr. Strong, who was now approaching the close of his ministry of more than forty years in this his only parish. I had the privilege of seeing him several times; and of witnessing the serene composure, and the remarkable degree of "joy and peace in believing," with which it pleased God to irradiate the dying couch of our departed friend. On the morning of June 8, I looked on his face for the last time on earth; and on the following Monday, June 11, he entered into his rest. Dr. Strong's qualities are too well known to most of the members of this Convention, to require their enumeration on the present occasion. His preaching was always clear in the enunciation of those evangelical doctrines, which have been embodied in our Prayer-Book by the English Reformers; and, in his mode of conducting divine service, his conscience and his manly tastes led him to adhere to the good old ways of our Protestant Church. His nature was most genial and affectionate; and the simple hospitality of his dwelling is engraven indelibly upon my memory. My reverend brethren, when the summons shall come to ourselves, may it find us, as it did him, resting securely upon the arms of the Almighty Redeemer!

On the First Sunday after Trinity, June 10, I preached in the morning in the Town Hall at Northampton; which was then used as a place of worship by the congregation of St. John's, owing to the closing of their parish church for extensive alterations. In the

afternoon I confirmed 2, and also catechized the children. The church was re-opened soon after the time of my visit; and the improvements it has undergone, both in the arrangements of the interior, and in the addition of a well-proportioned tower and spire, reflect great credit upon the zeal and enterprise of the people. They were aided in their efforts, I am glad to say, by several liberal members of our Church in other places.

On Tuesday, June 12, I confirmed 3 in the evening in Christ Church, Waltham.

On Wednesday, June 13, I confirmed 3' in the evening in St. James's, Amesbury; and also a sick person at her own residence. The vacancy in the Rectorship of this parish, created by the death of the Rev. Mr. Austin, has been filled by the appointment of the Rev. Robert F. Chase, Deacon, who has come with letters dimissory from the Diocese of New Jersey.

On Thursday, June 14, I confirmed 7 in the evening in Grace Church, Lawrence. A new organ, of superior workmanship and tone, from the manufactory of Mr. Jardine, of New York, had been placed in this church just before the period of my visit; and will be a valuable aid to the impressiveness of the services of the sanctuary.

On the Second Sunday after Trinity, June 17, I preached in the morning in St. Anne's, Lowell; and in the afternoon confirmed 37, and catechized the children.

On the Fifth Sunday after Trinity, July 8, I confirmed 7 in the evening in St. Paul's, Dedham; one of the persons confirmed being from Christ Church, Cambridge.

On the evening of Friday, July 20, I confirmed 3 in St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston; which, added to the 17 previously mentioned, make 20 as the number for the year. During the present season, this Chapel has been opened on Sunday evenings for the delivery of familiar discourses, which have been preached by the

Clergy of Boston in turn. I trust that the Divine blessing will follow this effort. The Rev. Dr. Wells, I would also state, has been aided in his duties for some time past by the Rev. Mr. Byrne, formerly of the Island of Jamaica; whose valuable labors the managers of our City Mission have taken measures for securing, in the capacity of a visitor at large among the poor population of this city.

On Friday, July 27, I confirmed 5 in the evening in Christ Church, Quincy.

On the Eighth Sunday after Trinity, July 29, I had the great pleasure of visiting St. Paul's, Hopkinton; preaching in the morning, and confirming 9 persons in the afternoon. There was a full attendance upon this service, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather; and I would hope that, with God's blessing, durable impressions were made upon some, at least, of those who witnessed the solemnities of the occasion. I cannot but indulge the expectation that the time will soon come, when, through the removal of members of our Church into Hopkinton and its neighborhood, the means will be provided, in addition to the glebe, for continuous ministrations in this parish.

On the Ninth Sunday after Trinity, August 5, I preached in the morning in Grace Church, New Bedford, and, in conjunction with the Rector, administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon I catechized the children; and confirmed 17 in the evening. Since the meeting of the last Convention, this church has been entirely renovated; and now presents, both externally and in the interior, a highly improved and substantial appearance. Much credit is due to the parishioners, for the energy with which they have accomplished this greatly needed work, and paid all the pecuniary demands to which it rendered them liable.

On the Tenth Sunday after Trinity, August 12, I visited St. Paul's, Nantucket; being accompanied on this occasion by the

Rt. Rev. H. W. Lee, D. D., Bishop of Iowa, and also by the Rev. Mr. Clinch. A Sermon was delivered in the morning by Mr. Clinch, and by myself in the afternoon; and in the evening, St. Paul's not being provided with the means of being lighted, Bishop Lee preached to a crowded congregation in the place of worship of the Baptists, which had been kindly offered for the occasion by the Minister. I regret to say, that, just before this time, the Rev. Ethan Allen, for several years the faithful Rector of this parish, had resigned its charge, and left the Island. Our prayers will surely go with him, that Divine Providence may open to him some field of useful labor. He has been succeeded by the Rev. Charles H. Canfield, whose admission to Deacon's Orders will hereafter be noticed.

On Monday, August 13, in company with Bishop Lee, I proceeded to Wood's Hole; and in the evening of that day Bishop Lee preached in the church. On the morning of the following day, after a sermon preached by me, I catechized the children; and they were also examined and addressed by Bishop Lee, on the subject of Missions. In the evening, after a sermon by Bishop Lee, I confirmed 3 persons.

On the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity, September 16, I preached in the morning, and catechized the children, in St. John's, Wilkin-sonville; and confirmed 4 in the afternoon.

On Wednesday, September 19, I confirmed 3 in the afternoon in Christ Church, Clappville.

St. Matthew the Apostle, Friday, September 21, I preached in the morning and afternoon, and catechized the children, in St. John's, Ashfield.

On the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity, September 23, I preached in the morning, and catechized the children; and in the afternoon confirmed 6; in St. Luke's, Lanesborough. The parishioners of St. Luke's have, during the past year, effected a great improvement in

the interior of their parish church. The renovation has been carried out with taste and liberality.

In the evening of the same day, I confirmed 4 in St. Stephen's, Pittsfield. During this visit, I had the pleasure of seeing the new, commodious, and beautiful Rectory, which the parishioners of St. Stephen's had just completed. This good work, like the enlargement and improvement of their parish church, four years ago, reflects great credit upon them; and it is a gratification to me to put it on record. At a cost of \$4500, they have provided a substantial and convenient residence for their Rector, with half an acre of excellent land around it; and the situation is one of great beauty. Our thanks are due to one of the most active members of the parish, not only for his liberal contribution to this undertaking, but also for the zeal which he has shown in the whole work, from its commencement to its completion. Among the sources of satisfaction I have enjoyed since entering upon the charge of this Diocese, has been the increasing interest evidently shown in the erection of parsonages. The present instance affords a noble example, which will, I trust, not be without its use.

On Thursday, September 27, I preached in the afternoon in Trinity Church, Lenox. Since the last Convention, the Rev. William H. Brooks, from the Diocese of Delaware, has commenced his duties as the Rector of this parish; which, I am happy to say, has now rewarded the nursing care so long bestowed upon it by the Board of Missions by voluntarily assuming its own support.

On Friday, September 28, I confirmed 2 in the morning, and catechized the children, in St. Paul's, Stockbridge. The parishioners here, besides the improvements in their church noticed in my last annual Address, have secured a large space of ground which throws open the beautiful building entirely to the view.

On the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity, September 30, I

preached in the morning, and catechized the children, in Trinity Church, Vandeusenville; in the afternoon confirmed 11, and catechized the children, in St. James's, Great Barrington, and afterwards confirmed a sick member of the parish at her residence; and preached at St. James's in the evening. At the time of my visit, this parish was served by the Rev. Mr. Seymour, of the Diocese of New York. The present Rector is the Rev. George L. Platt, who has been received by letters dimissory from the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

On Tuesday, October 2, I confirmed 1 in the afternoon, and catechized the children, in St. Paul's, Otis.

On Wednesday, October 3, I preached in the afternoon in St. Andrew's, New Boston.

On Friday, October 5, at an Ordination held in the Church of the Messiah, Boston, I admitted to Deacon's Orders Mr. Charles Henry Canfield, a Candidate for Orders of this Diocese. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. George M. Randall, Rector of the parish. Mr. Canfield, as already stated, is the Minister of St. Paul's, Nantucket.

On Wednesday and Thursday, October 17 and 18, I attended the annual meeting of the Board of Missions of our Church, which was held in St. Bartholomew's Church, New York.

On All Saints' Day, Thursday, November 1, in Trinity Church, Boston, I confirmed in the morning 2 parishioners of St. Matthew's, South Boston; and

In the afternoon of the same day, confirmed 2 in Christ Church, Cambridge. These, in addition to the 10 already mentioned, make 12 as the number for the year.

On Tuesday, November 13, I performed the gratifying duty of consecrating to the Almighty's service St. John's Church, East Boston. Shortly before this act, which set apart their place of wor-

ship, the congregation had been at length cheered by the entire removal of all liabilities incurred in the erection of the building, and were thus enabled to enter upon its possession in security and peace. My thanks, expressed at the time of the Consecration, are now renewed, to those who either recently, or in former years, have generously contributed to the result now attained. The church is a simple and unpretending, but most appropriate structure; and, on this pleasing occasion, was filled with a congregation composed of members of our Church from various parts of this city, of parishioners, and of the clergy of Boston and some of the neighboring places. The interest of the services was greatly aided by an excellent organ, of Hook's manufacture, which had just been placed in the church; and which is not only an ornament to the building, but a valuable addition to the means of giving effect and solemnity to the future services within its walls. May that divine Spirit, without whom all our labors are nought, bless the ministrations here dispensed by the ambassadors of Christ; and give the word spoken by them such success, that it shall never be spoken in vain!

In the evening of the day of consecration, a Missionary Meeting of the Eastern District Church Missionary Association was held in the church. On this occasion addresses were delivered by the Rev. Dr. Vinton, the Rev. Messrs. Packard, Brown, and Robert F. Chase, and myself; and a collection was made for Foreign Missions. May this meeting prove to have been an earnest of the continued interest of this parish in the work of extending the gospel! Without such interest, no blessing from on high will descend upon any congregation; while, on the other hand, we have the sure promise of God's own word, that "the liberal soul shall be made fat, and he that watereth shall be watered also himself."

On the Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity, November 18, in St. Mary's, Newton, Lower Falls, I confirmed 10 in the afternoon, and catechized the children.

On Tuesday, November 20, I confirmed 8 in the evening in All Saints', Worcester.

On the Sunday next before Advent, November 25, I had the pleasure of making an official visit, for the first time, to Newton Corner; where a parish has been organized, under highly favorable circumstances, by the name of Grace Church. We are indebted, under God, for this addition to the number of our parishes, mainly to ministrations rendered by the Rev. Messrs. Fales and J. S. C. Greene; in addition to whom other clergymen have kindly given their assistance. The services on the present occasion were held in the evening, in the spacious and convenient place of worship at present occupied by the congregation; and I confirmed 5 persons. The Vestry are endeavoring to secure the stated ministrations of a resident Rector. I hope that God's blessing will crown their efforts.

On Wednesday, December 5, I confirmed 15 in the evening in Grace Church, New Bedford; making, with the 17 already mentioned, 32 as the whole number of persons confirmed there during the year.

On the following day I proceeded to Fall River, for the purpose of attending a meeting of the Southern District Church Missionary Association. In the afternoon I delivered a brief address in the church, after a sermon by the Rev. N. G. Allen, of the Diocese of Rhode Island; and in the evening, at a Missionary Meeting, after addresses by the Rev. Messrs. Cutler, Drown, and Randall, made the concluding exhortation to the people in regard to the important object for which we were assembled.

On the Second Sunday in Advent, December 9, I confirmed 5 in the afternoon in St. James's, Roxbury.

On Wednesday, December 12, I confirmed 5 in the evening in St. John's, Millville; making, with the 5 already mentioned, 10 as the number for the year.

On the Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 23, I confirmed 2 in the evening in St. Luke's, Chelsea.

On the Sunday after Christmas-Day, December 30, I confirmed 9 in the afternoon in Grace Church, Boston; making, with the 16 confirmed there in May last, 25 during the year; and

In the evening of the same day, confirmed 13 in the Free Church of St. Mary for Sailors; making, in addition to the 12 previously mentioned, 25 in all for the year. •

On Wednesday, January 2, 1856, I attended, in the evening, the annual Examination of the Sunday School of Christ Church, Boston; catechized the children; and addressed the teachers.

On the Epiphany, Sunday, January 6, I confirmed 4 in the afternoon in St. John's, Jamaica Plain.

Such is the record of my official acts since we last assembled together. During the various journeys made in their performance, I have been preserved, through God's mercy, from all injury.

I have to record the organization of a new parish at Haverhill, by the name of Trinity Church. This undertaking, the commencement of which was owing to the active zeal of the Eastern District Church Missionary Association, is proceeding with every promise of permanent success. The congregation enjoy the ministrations of the Rev. W. C. Brown, formerly of St. Louis, Missouri.

A parish, by the name of St. John's, has also been organized at North Adams, in Berkshire. This good work, which, I trust, will be the means of establishing the services of our beloved Church in that flourishing place, is the result of occasional visits and ministrations kindly performed, in addition to their other and laborious duties, by the Rev. Messrs. Shaw and Parvin. The minister of this new parish is the Rev. W. Willian, formerly Rector of St. John's, Bangor, in the Diocese of Maine.

At Melrose, likewise, distant about 6 miles from this city, a

parish has been organized by the name of Trinity Church. The congregation have been favored with occasional services by some of the Clergy of Boston ; but have not yet secured the ministrations of a resident clergyman. From all that I can learn, the prospects of success of this undertaking are very encouraging.

From the various particulars given in this Address the following result is gathered :—I have confirmed, during the year, 501 persons ; consecrated 1 church ; ordained 4 Deacons, and 1 Priest ; and 4 parishes have been organized.

The members of this Convention will have observed, in the present record, the gratifying number of candidates presented for the rite of Confirmation. I confess that I have experienced great pleasure in recording this number ; and, when I say this, I would by no means be understood as implying thereby, that a large number of persons confirmed in a Diocese, during any one year, is by itself to be regarded as evidence that that Diocese is in an active spiritual condition. For it is well known, that, where unscriptural and, therefore, mistaken views are entertained by clergymen in regard to the efficacy of ordinances, persons are urged by them to come forward to the rite of the laying on of hands, without due regard to the proofs of that work of grace upon the heart which is indispensable to its profitable reception. Thus there may be a large addition to the catalogue of nominal disciples, where there is no gain to the true kingdom of God, or to the character of our Church in the eyes of the world without. But I have great joy in believing, that such sound views in regard to the qualifications for Confirmation prevail among the Clergy of this Diocese, that any considerable increase in the number of persons presented may be regarded as a token for good. May the Lord bless your labors, my dear brethren of the ministry, more and more ; and recompense your anxieties with increased numbers of those who shall adorn their profession by a

consistent life, and at last be found meet for "the inheritance of the saints in light!"

In addition to the changes in the Diocese already mentioned, the following have taken place since the last Convention:—The Rev. W. Withington has resigned the Rectorship of Christ Church, Swansea. The Rev. W. Flint has succeeded the Rev. Dr. Strong as Rector of St. James's, Greenfield; and has been succeeded at St. John's, Charlestown, by the Rev. Thomas R. Lambert, Chaplain in the U. S. Navy. The Rev. Daniel Leach, and the Rev. D. L. B. Goodwin, have been transferred to the Diocese of Rhode Island; the Rev. Thomas R. Pynchon, and the Rev. W. H. C. Robertson, to the Diocese of Connecticut; the Rev. John Woart to Louisiana; the Rev. G. W. Porter, and the Rev. Calvin Wolcott, to New York; and the Rev. Edmund B. Palmer to Michigan. The Rev. John Irwin, Rector of St. John's, East Boston, has accepted an agency for the American Bible Society. The duties of this appointment, which, like those of the Rev. Mr. Snow in behalf of the American Sunday School Union, are confined to visits to the Episcopal Churches of New England, will be discharged by Mr. Irwin without resigning his parochial charge. I commend the objects to be advocated by each of these respected brethren, to the cordial sympathy of the Clergy. The Societies which they respectively represent are a blessing to this vast country, which cannot be too highly estimated; and they have, each of them, been signally honored of God.

I have the additional duty of recording, among the changes of the year, the departure to his eternal rest, on August 13, of the Rev. Christian Wiltberger, the devoted and well known minister of our Board of Missions for Seamen. His health, for some time before this event, had been gradually declining; and at length he was compelled to resign his situation, and removed with his family to

Beverly, in New Jersey, where, on the day above mentioned, his sufferings were closed by death. Mr. Wiltberger has left a blessed memory of himself in the hearts of those who both knew him, and could appreciate his worth. He was a real man of God,—made so by the sanctifying influences of the Holy Spirit of grace. The love of truth; the most unflinching firmness in the discharge of duty; an ardent attachment to Protestant doctrine; an affectionate love for the souls of men; and delight in the work of the ministry; were qualities which shone visibly, and at all times, in his strongly marked character. I never knew a man of greater simplicity, or of a more unearthly mind; and I can truly say that my uniform feeling, whenever I was in his company, was that of being in the presence of one at whose feet I could willingly sit, and learn from his lips lessons of heavenly wisdom.

I take this opportunity of mentioning, that the Rev. John Irwin has conducted the Sunday evening services at our Seamen's Chapel in North Street, since the period of Mr. Wiltberger's relinquishment of the Station.

The Candidates for Orders of the Diocese are as follows:— Frederick O. Barstow, Winslow W. Sever, William S. Perry, Edward Cowley, Lucius W. Bancroft, Benjamin R. Gifford, Edward H. Harlow, Reginald H. Chase, and Jesse A. Penniman—Total, 9. Mr. Francis W. Hilliard, one of the Candidates whose names were read before the last Convention, has, at his own request, been transferred to the Diocese of North Carolina.

Since the last Convention I have received a communication from a Committee of the Board of Managers of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society at Philadelphia; the object of which is to remind us of the strong claims of that Institution upon the support of the various Dioceses of our Church. A tabular view is appended to this appeal, showing that, during the twenty years preceding the date of their communication, the Society had granted to this Diocese

nearly 3000 copies of the Prayer Book ; while, during that period, it had received about \$220 in return. The Managers ask for annual contributions from parishes to their funds ; and I beg to second their request as one most reasonable and proper : adding, at the same time, that they pledge themselves to appropriate books to each Diocese to the full value of the amount of contributions therefrom received.

Let me now commend you, my dear brethren of the Clergy and Laity, to the blessing of Almighty God. May our hearts, at this Convention, and at all times and seasons, be supremely aspiring after the advancement of His kingdom, who, as at this season, was manifested as a light to the Gentiles ! Oh for the day to hasten on, when over this fallen world, the scene of discord, of war, of confusion, and of every evil work which has grown out of the first apostasy from God, the Lord Jesus shall reign ! In order to bring about this consummation, let us of the ministry endeavor so to preach, that our preaching may be blest of God ! What is needed for the people is the simple exhibition of Gospel truth. Whatever be our natural and acquired endowments, let them all be consecrated to this one end and aim. The soul, like the body, can only live and thrive upon *daily food* ; for this alone is adapted to man's wants, and will therefore alone be wholesome and successful in its effects. Let me counsel the younger Clergy, more especially, to struggle against the temptation, so strongly urging them, to meet the present vitiated taste for mere popular display. Preach as to dying men, and in the solemn remembrance of the last grand account. And let the people of God sustain the ministry, by encouragement, by active sympathy, by a consistent life, and by fervent prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Ghost upon the congregations committed to our charge. What a glorious mark for ministers and private Christians ! "With one mind striving together for the faith of the Gospel !"

The annual account of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions to Seamen was presented. (See Appendix.)

The Rev. George M. Randall presented the annual Report of the Standing Committee.

Report of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee present to the Convention the following Report of their doings, as required by the eighth Article of the Constitution :

The Committee was duly organized on the 12th day of February, A. D. 1855, by the choice of the Rev. Alexander H. Vinton, D. D., President, and the Rev. George M. Randall, Secretary.

The Committee have held ten meetings.

They have signed the Canonical Certificates in favor of the Rev. Benjamin H. Chase applying to be admitted to Priest's Orders ;

And also in favor of Legh Richmond Dickinson, William H. Munroe, and Charles H. Canfield, applying to be admitted to Deacon's Orders ;

And also of Benjamin R. Gifford, Edward H. Harlow, Reginald Heber Chase, and J. A. Penniman, late a minister of the Unitarian denomination, applying to be admitted Candidates for Holy Orders.

They have approved the bills of James B. Dow, Rev. J. H. Clinch, William A. Hall, and the Rev. S. B. Babcock.

For the Committee,

GEORGE M. RANDALL, *Secretary*.

The Rev. Charles Mason presented the annual Report of the Board of Missions.

Report of the Board of Missions.

The Board of Missions respectfully present to the Convention their Twentieth Annual Report.

The following appropriations have been made during the year, viz :

To the Missionary at St. Paul's Church, Otis,	\$100
" " " St. Paul's " Stockbridge, }	150
" " " Trinity " Vandeusenville, }	
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To the Missionary at Grace Church, Chicopee,	200
" " " Trinity " Pawtucket,	100
" " " St. Peter's " Cambridgeport,	100
" " " St. Luke's " Chelsea,	100
" " " St. Paul's " Nantucket,	150
" " " St. John's " East Boston,	400
" " " St. John's " North Adams,	400
" " " Grace " Newton Corner,	300
" " " Messiah, " Wood's Hole,	200

The appropriations for the Churches at North Adams and Newton Corner have been recently made, and no payment is due on them for the year past. All the other appropriations have been paid to January 1st, so that the Board is now free from debt.

The Southern District Association has appropriated about \$300 to maintain services in St. John's Church, Sandwich; and the Eastern District Association has undertaken to support a Missionary at large for that district, at the expense of one thousand dollars.

In two respects the operations of the Board, and of the District Associations, have been attended with most encouraging results during the past year. Three new Churches have been organized, and now hold regular services, in large towns of the State, viz: Haverhill, North Adams, and Newton Corner; and two churches, which for several years have received aid from the Board,—Trinity Church, Lenox, and the Church of the Ascension, Fall River,—have become self-supporting.

From the latter of these Churches, the Board received, in April last, resolutions passed by the parish, which strongly express their sense of the importance of the "fostering care extended to them for several years, and anticipating the period when they will be able to repay into the treasury of the Board a part of the indebtedness which they have incurred." They refer also to the prosperous condition of that parish.

The Board take peculiar satisfaction in stating that Trinity Church, Lenox, which, in connection with St. Paul's, Stockbridge, has for many years received a small appropriation, is now able to dispense with missionary aid, and to support a Rector. This great

and rapid change in the condition and prospects of that parish, which so long struggled for existence under very discouraging circumstances, has been caused principally by the residence in the town, during a part of the year, of Churchmen from New York and other places. The following resolutions, passed at a meeting of the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry of that parish, held December 24th, 1855, have been communicated to the Board.

"Whereas Trinity Church, Lenox, was assisted for a number of years by the Massachusetts Board of Missions, and whereas the parish became self-supporting on the first of April of the present year, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the grateful thanks of the Parish be tendered to the Massachusetts Board of Missions for the long continuance of its care and assistance."

The Board would now direct the attention of the Convention especially to the three new Churches above-mentioned, all organized since last spring, and established in towns, each containing several thousand inhabitants.

In *North Adams*, Berkshire Co., one of the largest and most enterprising towns in the Western part of the State, preparatory services were held, and measures taken in the course of last spring and summer, by the Rev. Mr. Shaw, and the Rev. Mr. Parvin, assisted by Mr. Tatlock, a student of Williams College, which have resulted in the formation of St. John's Church, under the Rectorship of the Rev. William M. Willian. He commenced services there on the third Sunday of November last, and is encouraged by the zeal and cordiality which have characterized every step in the undertaking, to believe that it will be crowned with success.

At *Haverhill*, the Missionary of the Eastern District, the Rev. W. Colvin Brown, commenced his labors in August last, and has met with marked success, in the organization of a Church, under very encouraging prospects, and in the attendance of a large congregation.

At *Newton Corner*, — we learn from a communication of the Wardens and Vestry, — the services of our Church were first held on the Sunday after Ascension-Day, May 20th, have been continued regularly since that time, and Grace Church in that town was

organized on the 27th of September last. During the summer the services were conducted principally by the Rev. Mr. Fales and the Rev. Mr. J. S. Copley Greene, and during the autumn and winter months by several clergymen from Boston, and its vicinity. On several occasions they have been read by Mr. William Stevens Perry, a Candidate for Orders, and a Lay Reader appointed by the Bishop, whose efforts have been very important in establishing this Church. The hall in which the services are held, accommodates three hundred persons, and has often been filled. The parish have appropriated \$500 for the support of a minister, and confidently expect that they shall need only for a brief season the fostering aid of the Board.

At *Sandwich*, St. John's Church owes its formation, in a great degree, to the labors of the Rev. Mr. Flower, Missionary of the Board at Wood's Hole. He states that it has a flourishing Sunday School of about fifty scholars, and that this missionary work is among a much neglected population, not reached by any existing parish of any denomination. The members of the Southern District Association have, in turn, officiated there, and intend to watch over this enterprise until the parish shall have a minister devoted entirely to it.

St. John's, East Boston, after contending several years with exceedingly discouraging circumstances, has succeeded in liquidating the debt upon the Church, and on the 13th of November it was consecrated to the worship of Almighty God. It is believed that the parish will now rapidly prosper, and that the appropriation may be diminished accordingly.

In several of the other Churches assisted from the Treasury of the Board, an advance has been made in numbers and strength, and only two or three remain on the list, which will probably require aid more than a few years longer.

The Board would avail itself of this occasion — the twentieth anniversary since it was established by the Convention — to give a brief summary of its operations, prefaced by a few statements relative to the previous missionary arrangements of the Diocese.

There was no organization for Church extension in this Diocese until the year 1815, when a Society was formed for that purpose, and incorporated with the title of "The Massachusetts Episcopal Missionary Society, and Trustees of the Massachusetts Episcopal Prayer Book and Tract Society." Of those who formed that Society only one person is now living — that venerable Presbyter, who is a member of this Convention, and the only survivor also of the Diocesan Convention held in Trinity Church fifty years ago, and of several others which succeeded it.

No active measures seem to have been taken by that Society to carry out its design, and in 1817, November 19th, the Convention of the Diocese appointed a Committee of three clergymen to devise means for commencing a fund for Missionary purposes. That Convention itself consisted of only eight members — the Bishop, three clergymen, and four laymen. On the following year the Committee reported measures, the whole design of which was to give efficiency to the Society above mentioned. These also met with little success, but in 1822 the Directors of that Society made a statement to the Convention, in which they observe that little had been done since its organization, more than to continue its existence by the annual election of officers, until the 4th of February in that year, when at a meeting of the friends of the Church, called at the request of the Society, the subject was fully discussed, and measures were taken to provide means to enable the Society to go into operation. Annual subscriptions, amounting to \$565, were received in Boston, and \$300 more in donations. They state that the objects of the Society were "to assist destitute Churches in our State, and, as we shall be able, to extend the same assistance to other destitute parishes in our country, and hereafter, if sufficient means should be provided, to other countries." They add, that they had done little more than gather information as to the portions of our Church which stand most in need of aid, on account of the want of clergymen to act as Missionaries. They do not find that there is a clergyman of our Church in this Diocese, so disengaged as to permit of his being employed in the service of the Society.

The Convention, after hearing this statement — which is recorded

in full, signed Jno. Temple Winthrop, Secretary — passed resolutions recognizing the importance of the Society, and recommending the formation of auxiliaries in all the parishes.

From this date considerable aid was extended, through that Society, towards the support of parishes in the Diocese, and many Prayer Books were printed, and distributed under its direction.

Before this period, and for several years after, collections were taken generally in the parishes at Easter, which being placed at the disposal of the Bishop, furnished important aid in sustaining many parishes.

In the year 1834 a Clerical Convocation was formed, which held stated meetings in all parts of the Diocese, and contributed largely to the formation and support of new Churches.

At the Diocesan Convention held in the summer of 1836, the present Board of Missions was established, and on August 10th issued a Circular — written, it is believed, by the revered Bishop Griswold, and addressed to the Clergy and Laity — in which are the following words indicating the policy of the Board. "In the disposal of the funds raised, it will be the aim of the Board to make every Missionary station sustain itself as soon as practicable. Still, however, in every sisterhood of Churches there will always be some feebleness requiring assistance as long as they exist, and it would be showing very little regard either for the cause of religion, or for that of our Church, and would be considered a hard measure if dealt to ourselves, to deny those whose own means are insufficient, the inestimable blessing of Gospel ministrations. We hope this Board will furnish a strong arm, upon which infant parishes may confidently lean, until they shall have gained strength to sustain themselves, and repay our care." In this Circular the Board invited all the existing Missionary societies and organizations to become auxiliary to it, and this gradually became the result.

In November 1836, the "Massachusetts Episcopal Missionary Society," &c., before mentioned, transferred its property to the Board, and its meetings soon ceased.

In 1838 the "Clerical Convocation" placed its funds at the disposal of the Board. The Bishop did the same with the "Easter

Collections," so that to this Board the whole charge of Diocesan Missions was at length intrusted.

The following is a summary of the results of its operations :

There are now in the Diocese sixty-three Churches, of which forty-two have received aid from the treasury of the Board ; that is, about two-thirds of all the Churches of the Diocese.

Of those forty-two churches, only fourteen now receive missionary aid. Several of them, now strong and flourishing parishes, owe their formation to measures taken by the Board.

Only one of all the Churches assisted by the Board in 1836, now receives any support from its treasury.

Of the forty-nine Churches of the Diocese which now receive no Missionary aid, thirty-five have received it in past years.

Of all the Churches aided in 1846 — ten years ago — eight still receive appropriations, some of which will probably soon become self-supporting.

The Board has promoted the formation and permanent existence of twenty-six new parishes, and has assisted sixteen, previously established, in sustaining services. It has thus carried out the policy declared in its first Circular, by seeking to form self-supporting parishes, and yet not to refuse a helping hand to those few which could not exist without it.

These permanent results will show how far this Board has fulfilled the design for which it was established — that of Church extension in this Diocese — and would seem to justify an earnest appeal to the Churches for a more general and liberal support.

There are several large towns in the State, in which the Protestant Episcopal Church does not exist, where the Board would be glad to commence Missions at once, but the funds placed at their disposal are inadequate to the attempt with any hope of success.

Who can doubt, on reviewing the results of the past twenty years, that such an amount of good has been effected, as should cause all who love the Gospel and the Church heartily to rejoice ! Many of the Churches, established and sustained by the Board, are promoting to a marked extent, in the communities where they exist, the great cause of sound morals and true religion, and are also sending the

Gospel to distant parts of our own land, and to the Heathen world. May we all engage with stronger faith and hope in this blessed work! May all unitedly and cordially coöperate to give full effect to measures to extend the Gospel and Church within the Diocese of Massachusetts, which will also speedily and largely promote the great general objects of Christian Missions throughout the world!

In behalf of the Board,

CHARLES MASON, *Secretary.*

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the subject of the general expenses of the Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That said Committee be appointed by the Chair.

The Chair named the Rev. George Packard, Mr. Benjamin P. Richardson, and the Treasurer of the Convention.

Mr. Robert M. Mason, from the Committee appointed at the last Convention, on the increase of the Episcopal Fund, made the following report.

The Committee, appointed at the last meeting of the Convention on the subject of an increase of the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese, as recommended in the Bishop's Address of January last, have the honor to submit the following Report:

The absence from the State of two of the members of the Committee, who were engaged on public business at Washington, prevented the organization of the Committee until some months after their appointment.

The Committee, however, have not been inattentive to the subject referred to them, — in regard to the desirableness of which they were entirely united in opinion.

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On the 23d of May last, the Committee held a meeting, and took the whole subject into consideration. Mr. W. F. Otis having declined the appointment, Dr. Shattuck, from the Church of the Advent, was elected to the vacancy, and accepted the place. Arrangements were then made for applying to the various parishes of the Diocese. From two or three of the smaller parishes encouragement was received, in the course of the summer, that they would probably be prepared to furnish the quota assigned to them by your Committee. From the larger parishes, upon which the main contribution was devolved, your Committee have not yet received returns which authorize the expectation that the object proposed can at present be accomplished. Nor are the general circumstances of the country such, at this moment, as to favor the success of any measure demanding large pecuniary contributions.

With these explanations, your Committee ask to be discharged from further proceeding in the premises.

For the Committee,

ROBERT C. WINTHROP, *Chairman.*

On motion,

Resolved, That the foregoing report be accepted, but that this Convention would decline to grant the request with which it closes.

The Rev. Theodore W. Snow presented the Report of the Committee on Qualifications.

The Committee on Qualifications respectfully report that the list of Clergy read by the Secretary is correct, and that the certificates of Lay delegates, whose names have been taken by the Secretary, are drawn up according to the prescribed form, with the following exceptions :

St. Paul's, Boston.

St. Peter's, Cambridgeport.

Grace Church, Lawrence.

St. Anne's Church, Lowell.

St. Paul's, Nantucket.

With regard to the first four of these, it is not recorded that the delegates are stated worshippers in the churches which they are appointed to represent. With regard to the last of these, the certificate is not signed by the clerk, but by a substitute designated by him. In each of these cases the informality is apparently accidental, and not such as should deprive the Delegates of their seats, though it is to be regretted that, after the public and repeated notices of the Secretary, the usual form of certificate should not be strictly adhered to.

Two certificates of the election of separate delegations from Christ Church, Boston, again appear, as at our last Convention, each claiming to be stated worshippers. The Committee feel that it will be impossible to give this subject the consideration which it deserves within the brief period of the session of the Convention. The difficulties out of which this double representation grows are in the civil courts, and until some decision is declared from them, it would seem idle to attempt it here. It is recommended, therefore, that for the present, neither set of applicants be admitted to seats.

THEODORE W. SNOW.

On motion,

Resolved, That neither of the two sets of Delegates purporting to be elected by Christ Church, Boston, be entitled to seats in this Convention.

The Rev. George M. Randall made an additional report from the Standing Committee, recommending the admission of the Church of the Messiah, Wood's Hole, into union with this Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Church of the Messiah, Wood's Hole, be admitted into union with this Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet in this place to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now adjourn.

Adjourned.

Thursday morning, 9 o'clock.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Lewis Green, Rector of Trinity Church, Van Deusenville.

The roll having been called, some members not present yesterday appeared and took their seats.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The following amendment to the Third Article of the Constitution was offered by Mr. John Edson.

It is proposed that the Third Article of the Constitution of this Diocese be amended, by striking out the words, "a stated worshipper in the parish he represents," and in lieu thereof insert the words, "a member of the parish which he represents, and in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church," — so that, beginning with the word provided, it shall read as follows, viz.:

Provided, that no person shall be competent to serve as a Lay Delegate, unless he be a member of the parish which he represents, and in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Which, on motion, was ordered to lie over for the consideration of the next Convention, as provided by the Ninth Article of the Constitution.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, the amendments to the Constitution proposed by the Rev. A. H. Vinton, D. D., at the last Convention, (Journal of 1855, page 30) came up for consideration.

After considerable debate, it was,

On motion,

Resolved, That the proposed amendments be divided into two classes, and that the Convention take up the last of these, namely :

"Strike out the word 'Commonwealth,' and the word 'State' wherever either occurs, in the title or in the body of the Constitution, and insert the word 'Diocese.'"

On motion,

Resolved, That this amendment be adopted.

The Convention then proceeded to the consideration of the first proposed amendment, as follows :

"Article 3, last section. Insert after the word 'Convention' the following, *except such as are established for the benefit of a particular class, or particular classes of persons.*"

An amendment having been proposed to the above alteration, the Chair decided that the same could not be considered at this Convention.

The question then coming up upon the original amendment, it was,

On motion,

Resolved, That the subject be indefinitely postponed.

The hour having arrived for the order of the day, the House proceeded to the election of a Standing Committee.

The Chair appointed the Rev. E. L. Drown and Mr. Henry M. Parker a Committee to collect and count the votes.

During the counting of the votes, the House proceeded to the election of Deputies to the General Convention.

The Chair appointed the Rev. William Horton and the Rev. William S. Bartlet, a Committee to collect and count the votes.

The Rev. E. M. P. Wells, D. D., offered the following amendment of Article 3, of the Constitution, to lie over for action at the next Convention.

"In the last section of Article 3, of the Constitution, after the word 'represents,' insert these words, *and provided also, that any parish may be admitted into union with this Convention, without such right of lay representation.*"

The House proceeded to the election of a Board of Missions for the ensuing year.

On motion,

Resolved, That in the election of a Board of Missions balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

Resolved, That the following gentlemen be elected for the ensuing year, as the Board of Missions for this Diocese:

The Rt. Rev. MANTON EASTBURN, D. D.,

The Rev. John Wayland, D. D., Mr. Otis Daniell,

" Thomas F. Fales, " James B. Dow,

" Joseph H. Clinch, " George M. Dexter,

" George M. Randall, " Charles H. Parker.

" William Horton,

" Theodore W. Snow,

" Charles Mason,

On motion,

Resolved, That in the election of a Board of Commissioners for Church Extension, balloting be omitted.

On motion,

Resolved, That the following gentlemen be elected to form said Board for the ensuing year:

The Rt. Rev. MANTON EASTBURN, D. D.,
 The Rev. Alex. H. Vinton, D. D., Mr. Wm. Appleton,
 " Theodore Edson, D. D., " Geo. M. Dexter,
 " John Wayland, D. D., " Eben'r Rhodes.

The Rev. E. L. Drown, from the Committee to collect and count the votes for Standing Committee, reported that the Convention had made choice of the following gentlemen:

The Rev. Alex. H. Vinton, D. D., Mr. George M. Dexter.
 " Geo. M. Randall, " Otis Daniell,
 " Charles Mason, " William Appleton,

who were accordingly declared elected.

On motion,

Resolved, That in the election of a Board of Missions for Seamen, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed by the Chair to nominate a Board of Missions to Seamen.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Charles Mason, William B. Reynolds and Benjamin P. Richardson, as that Committee.

The Rev. George Packard, from the Committee appointed yesterday on the expenses of the Convention, made the following Report:

The Committee, to whom was referred the subject of the Convention expenses, respectfully report:

The frequent reference of this subject to Committees of the Convention proves that something is wrong, either in the items of expenditures or the modes adopted for their disbursement. It is evident that the former should

be reduced to the lowest point possible, and that some method should be devised to meet them promptly and fully. There are certain unavoidable expenses which are incapable of reduction, — as the printing of our Journals, the manual labor of their preparation, the triennial quota of this Diocese for the expenses of the General Convention. There are others, however, which we think may be lessened. Twenty-five dollars are now appropriated to the clerical Delegates attending the General Convention. When first made, it was designed to assist such Delegates to pay their travelling expenses. But such is the change in modes of travelling, that that appropriation now exceeds, in most cases, the expense actually incurred. We think, therefore, that the appropriation should be limited to such expenses.

Clerical Delegates to this Convention, who were living at a distance and upon small stipends, and who, as was supposed, would not attend the Convention, if compelled to bear their own expenses, have been in past years relieved by this Convention, in part or whole, of this burden. This should be continued, but farther than this, we think the Convention ought not to go. The expenses of travelling are less now than formerly, and, while we would limit the amount paid to the actual expense incurred, we would limit the privilege to those only, who, from want of personal resources and limited salary, are really unable to bear the expense incurred by attendance.

The expenses of the Convention may be somewhat reduced by adopting the propositions now submitted.

In our examination of the Treasurer's books, we find that some parishes have not paid for some years their assessment, upon the ground of inability. Every parish in connection with this Convention can do, and should

do, something towards meeting its liabilities. If it cannot pay the small amount assessed, let the Treasurer be permitted to receive less, and balance the account with any parish that puts in this plea of inability. Something will thus be received to defray the expenses of the Convention, and the unseemly record of delinquent parishes disappear from our Journal. The parish of St. Mark's has desired, through one of the clergymen officiating there without compensation, that its name should be stricken from the list of parishes in arrears, for the reason that no salary is paid. Inasmuch, however, as that parish has the right of representation, we cannot regard that an exception should be made in its favor. The Committee would therefore recommend, that the Treasurer be authorized to compromise, upon such terms as he may deem expedient, with all parishes delinquent to this date.

The Committee would urge, as has been done in years past, that all of the parishes promptly meet their liabilities to this Convention, especially as the quota demanded from this Diocese for the expenses of the General Convention will be incurred before the next meeting of this Convention. They would also recommend, that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow the small amount that may be needed, to meet any deficiency in the Treasury.

All which is respectfully submitted,

GEORGE PACKARD.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Report be accepted, and that the resolutions and recommendations contained in said report be adopted.

The Rev. Charles Mason, from the Committee on Legislation for the Church, made the following Report:

The Committee, appointed by a Resolve of the Con-

vention of the year 1854, on the subject of further legislation for the Protestant Episcopal Church, ask leave to report the following form of a bill, and recommend that a Committee be appointed to procure its enactment:

Religious societies of the Protestant Episcopal Church, which may have organized themselves or may hereafter organize themselves as corporations, according to the provisions of the 20th chapter of the Revised Statutes, need not choose a Standing Committee, but the wardens, or wardens and vestry, of said Society may exercise all the powers of Standing Committee; and, instead of a Moderator, the officer designated by the by-laws of such society, may preside at its meetings, with all the powers of a moderator; and such societies need not choose or appoint a collector or assessors, unless they shall assess or collect a tax on the polls or estates of members thereof. And in case of such societies heretofore organized, a compliance with the provisions of this act, shall be held to have been a sufficient compliance with the provisions of the Revised Statutes respecting the officers herein named.

On motion,

Resolved, That the above report be accepted, and the recommendation with which it closes be adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That Richard H. Dana, Jr., Esq., be appointed a Committee to take measures for the carrying of the foregoing bill through the Legislature.

Mr. John Edson, Lay Delegate from Bridgewater, asked leave of absence for the remainder of the session, which, on motion, was granted.

The Rev. Samuel Cutler, from the Committee on new Parishes, reported,

That they have received the application of Grace

Church, Newton Corner, for admission into union with this Convention, and they recommend that the same be referred to the Standing Committee, in accordance with the Canon of 1852.

The Chair appointed Mr. M. L. Bradford and Mr. S. H. Gregory a Committee to audit the Treasurer's account.

The Rev. Mr. Bartlet, from the Committee to collect and count the votes for Deputies to the General Convention, reported that the Convention had made choice of the following gentlemen :

Rev. Alex. H. Vinton, D. D., Mr. William Appleton;
 " John Wayland, D. D., " Edward A. Newton,
 " George M. Randall, " Samuel L. Crocker,
 and that there is one Clerical and one Lay vacancy.

On motion,

Resolved, That in the filling up of these vacancies balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. William Horton and Mr. Robert M. Mason, having the highest number of votes of the minority, be chosen as the two remaining Deputies to the General Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That in nominating Trustees to the General Theological Seminary, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

Resolved, That the following gentlemen be nominated as Trustees for the ensuing year :

The Rev. Alex. H. Vinton, D. D., The Rev. T. W. Snow,
 " Theodore Edson, D. D., " Cha's Mason,
 " William S. Child, Mr. Edward A. Newton,
 " George M. Randall, " Rob't C. Winthrop,
 " Samuel B. Shaw, " Wm. A. Crocker,
 " E. M. P. Wells, D. D.,

The Rev. Dr. Vinton offered the following amendment to Article 3, of the Constitution, to come up for action at the next Convention.

“Insert in the last section of Article 3, of the Constitution, after the word ‘Convention,’ in the first line, the following words, *except such parishes as have a missionary character, and professedly are designed for the benefit of persons of any particular class or profession.*”

W. B. Reynolds, Esq., from the Committee of Nomination for a Board of Missions to Seamen, reported the names of the following gentlemen :

The Rt. Rev. MANTON EASTBURN, D. D.,

The Rev. John Irwin,	Mr. James Lee, Jr.,
“ George D. Wildes,	“ Charles H. Parker,
Mr. Benjamin C. Clark,	“ Wm. B. Bradford,
“ Foster Waterman,	“ George A. Brown,
“ Richard Girdler,	“ Charles L. Andrews.

Who, on motion, were elected.

Mr. Martin L. Bradford, from the Committee to audit the Treasurer’s account, reported that the same was correctly cast and properly vouched.

The Rev. Samuel B. Shaw offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God, in his wise providence, to remove from this world since the last meeting of this Convention, the Rev. Titus Strong, D. D., Rector of St. James’s Church, Greenfield, therefore

Resolved, That this Convention does hereby express its deep sense of the personal worth and long continued fidelity of this servant of our Lord in the Church of Christ, and would place on record this humble tribute of respect for his memory.

Which, on motion, was adopted.

The Rev. William T. Smithett offered the following preamble and resolutions :

Whereas in the wise providence of Almighty God, since the last meeting of this Convention, the Rev. Christian Wiltberger, a member thereof, has been removed from the Church militant to the Church triumphant, therefore

Resolved, That in this dispensation of Heaven, the members of this Convention now assembled, feel more deeply the necessity for being prepared for the same solemn change,—to labor as ministers as he labored, and to walk as men as he walked, so that when the call shall be heard in their case, “Prepare to meet thy God,” they, also, like him, may be ready, watching and waiting for their Lord.

Resolved, that this Convention tender its sympathy and condolence to the widow and family of the deceased, and that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted them by the Secretary of the Convention.

Which, on motion, were adopted.

The Rev. S. B. Shaw asked leave of absence for the remainder of the session, which, on motion, was granted.

The Rev. George M. Randall, from the Executive Committee, made the following report :

That Trinity Church, Boston, be the place, and that the third Wednesday, the 21st day of January, 1857, be the time, for holding the next annual Convention of this Diocese, and that the Rev. William Flint be the preacher on the occasion, and the Rev. George Leeds be the substitute.

Which report was, on motion, accepted, and the recommendations therein contained adopted.

The Rev. S. B. Shaw, from the Finance Committee, made the following report :

The Committee recommend the payment of the travelling expenses of the following clergymen, in attendance upon this Convention :

The Rev. Mr. Townsend, \$3.00 ; the Rev. Mr. Childs, \$5.00 ; the Rev. Mr. Brooks, \$9.00 ; the Rev. Mr. Cleveland, \$10.00 ; the Rev. Mr. Lewis Green, \$10.00 ; the Rev. Mr. Shaw, \$10.00 ; the Rev. Mr. Chase, \$2.75 ; the Rev. Mr. Flower, \$5.00.

On motion,

Resolved, That the permanent Committees of this Body be empowered to fill any vacancies that may occur during the year.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention grant permission to the Corporation of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen to print their Report in the Journal of the Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the several parishes of this Diocese be requested to make a collection in behalf of the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, at some period during the next Lenten season, and that the amount so collected be applied, so far as may be, to constitute the pastor of the Church for the time being a member of the Society.

The Rev. Alfred L. Baury, presented the Treasurer's Report of the Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, which, on motion, was received and ordered to be printed in the Journal. (See Appendix.)

The Rev. Alfred L. Baury also presented the annual report of the Secretary of the same Society :

Report of the Widows and Orphans Society.

The Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church present the following report of their proceedings during the past year.

The Officers and Trustees of the Society have held their stated quarterly meetings as usual, and attended to all the business that has come before them. As no application for relief has been made during the past year, the funds of the Society have been steadily increasing. The Treasurer's report, to be presented herewith, will give a full statement of their condition.

During the year, the Revision of the Constitution and By Laws, and the subject of Contract Relief, have been under consideration, and are now in the hands of a special Committee, who have made a partial report, but in view of the importance of the subject, have asked and obtained further time to consider it.

The Society hope to be able to present to the next Annual Convention, their amended Constitution and By Laws, and also to be able to furnish aid in special cases of need, as well as in cases of contract.

It is also expected that a Sermon will be preached in St. Paul's Church in this city, before and in behalf of this Society, some time during the coming season of Lent.

The following is a list of the officers of the Society for the ensuing year :

Rt. Rev. Bishop Eastburn, President, *ex officio* ; Rev. Asa Eaton, D. D., 1st Vice President; Rev. A. H. Vinton, D. D., 2d Vice President; James C. Merrill, Secretary; Rev. A. L. Baury, Treasurer. Rev. George M. Randall, Rev. Joseph H. Clinch, Rev. William S. Bartlet, Frederick H. Stimpson, Esq., Henry M. Parker, Esq., Trustees.

In behalf of the Society,

JAMES C. MERRILL, *Secretary*.

The Rev. Samuel Cutler, from the Committee on New Parishes, presented the application of Trinity Church, Haverhill, for admission into union with this Convention; which application was, on motion, referred to the Standing Committee, in accordance with the Canon of 1852.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance have leave to amend their Report, by the addition of the names of the Rev. Mr. Munroe and the Rev. Mr. Canfield, allowing to each \$7.00 for travelling expenses.

On motion,

Resolved, That 1000 copies of the Journal be printed.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary and Treasurer be a Committee to print the Journal.

On motion,

Resolved, That the subject of providing for the accommodation of Clerical and Lay Delegates to the Convention, be referred to the Standing Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet this afternoon, at 4 o'clock, in the Sunday School room of the church, for devotional exercises and conference.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee of two be appointed by the Chair to report this afternoon in reference to the number of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary to which this Diocese is entitled.

The Chair appointed the Rev. George M. Randall and the Rev. Alfred L. Baury.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now adjourn.

Adjourned.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention re-assembled in the Sunday School Room.

The Rev. George M. Randall, from the Committee to ascertain the number of Trustees to the General Theological Seminary, stated that, not having been able to obtain access to the necessary documents, they are not prepared to report, and request to be continued.

After prayer, and the singing of two verses of the 102d Hymn, addresses were made by the Bishop and several of the Clergy. The Doxology was then sung, and after prayer and benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned, *sine die*.

Attest :

JOSEPH H. CLINCH, *Secretary*,
EDMUND F. SLAFTER, *Assis't Sec'y*.

APPENDIX.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Suffolk County.

Trinity Church, Boston.

THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, Rector.

THE REV. JOHN COTTON SMITH, Assistant Minister on the
Greene Foundation.

Baptisms, (infants) 14. Marriages, 21. Burials, 23. Confirmed, 15. Communicants, about 360. Sunday Scholars and Bible Class, 107; Teachers, 21.

The contributions, as far as known, during the past year, have been the following: — Communion Offerings, \$605,80 $\frac{1}{4}$; Diocesan Missions, \$481.14 $\frac{1}{4}$; Foreign Missions, \$393.35; Domestic Missions, \$132; Diocese of Iowa, \$278; City Missions, \$269; Building of Churches and Parsonages, \$932.01; Seamen's Mission, \$95; Education, \$320; Christian Literature, \$1015; Trinity Church Charitable Society for clothing the poor, \$154; American Sunday School Union, \$134; Female Bible Society, \$22; Collected at the Price Lectures, \$143.50; Home for Orphan and Destitute children, \$531; Other religious and benevolent objects, \$1130.75. Of the contributions to Foreign Missions, \$85.18 were given by the Sunday Scholars; who also gave for the Diocese of Iowa, \$23.50. The total amount of the above contributions is \$6686.55 $\frac{1}{4}$.

Christ Church, Boston.

THE REV. W. T. SMITHETT, Rector.

Baptisms, 61. Marriages, 87. Burials, 27. Confirmed, 16. Communicants: died and removed, 113; added, 27; present number, 106; Sunday Scholars, 120; Teachers, 16; Bible Class, 26; 1 Librarian; and 1 Superintendent. Church Contributions: Communion alms, \$83.85; Foreign Board of Missions, (Sabbath School for China,) \$25.00; (General Fund,) \$20.00; Massachusetts Board of Missions, (General Fund,) \$25.00; (for Haverhill,) \$15.00; Missionary Association for the West, (Iowa,) \$18.00; Endowment Fund for Diocese of Iowa, \$22.00; Christ Church, Matagorda, Texas, Rev. S. Wright, \$24.18; St. David's, New Brunswick, (Rev. J. S. Thomson,) \$10.00; Boston Young Men's Christian Association, \$25.00; Sunday School, for Library, (Iowa,) American S. S. Union, \$10.00; Sunday School for Orphans at Norfolk, \$7.00; Widows and Orphans of Clergy Fund, \$10.00; for Carrier Dove and Parish Visitor for Sunday School, \$11.00; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$5.00; Fragment Society, clothing for the Parish Poor, \$42.00; Young Ladies' Missionary Society for Sunday School, \$28.50; Gift Books, &c., for School, (American Sunday School Union,) \$13.00; for Parish purposes, and for sustaining Sunday School, (contributed over and above Taxes, Pew Rents, &c.,) about \$60.00.

These figures show the gross amount of contributions from this apparently feeble parish to have been for the past year over \$450; and at once speak for themselves, in regard to the Christian vitality and promising condition of the congregation. May the Holy Spirit bless our means and our labors, both to our own souls and the advancement of the Master's cause and Kingdom upon earth. A spirit of prayer has also for the last two years pervaded this people, and they have been thereby stirred up to new zeal, and a sense of their high responsibility for souls. The Lord prosper their work.

St. Matthew's Church, South Boston.

THE REV. JOSEPH H. CLINCH, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 38, adults 8,) 46. Communicants: added, 24; died or removed, 16; present number, 71. Confirmed, 11.

Marriages, 15. Burials, 39. Sunday School Scholars, 110. Missionary Contributions: Massachusetts Board, \$10. Other contributions for religious purposes, \$136.14, including Offertory, \$62.87; Norfolk sufferers, \$24.00; Other objects, \$49.27.

The condition of this Parish is not materially changed since the last report, except that it has suffered much, as in previous years, by the removal of several families to California, and other localities.

The interior arrangements of the Church have been improved by the addition of a new and excellent Organ, and by new carpeting and painting the interior of the edifice; involving an expenditure of about \$900, for about one-third of which, we are indebted to the kindness and liberality of friends who are not members of the Parish.

The ladies of St. Matthew's have recently raised the sum of \$300, which, together with \$100 previously presented by a true friend of the Rector and of the Parish, has been invested to form the commencement of a building fund for a new church.

The Sunday School is in a very prosperous condition, numbering 110 Scholars, including a Bible Class of elder pupils, and being under the care of an efficient Superintendent, and 17 teachers. The Library contains over 600 volumes.

A Parochial lending Library has also been formed, numbering somewhat over 100 volumes of standard religious works.

St. Paul's Church, Boston.

THE REV. A. H. VINTON, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 19, adults 6,) 25. Married, 15. Buried, 7. Communicants: added, 40; present number, 322. Confirmed, 35. Sunday School and Bible Class: Teachers, 25; pupils, 125; Female adult Bible Class, 75. Charities: Domestic Missions, \$652; Foreign Missions, \$1330; Diocesan Missions, \$418; City Mission, \$450; Seamen's Mission, \$150; Education, \$565; Sunday School Union, \$100; Tract Society, \$850; Bible Society, \$200; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$160; Offertory, \$700.

There are other charities besides, for church building, Orphan Asylum, and similar objects, which have not passed through the Rector's hands, and therefore cannot be accurately measured, but

amounting by a rough estimate to at least \$2000, making the total of charitable gifts \$7576.

Grace Church, Boston.

THE REV. CHARLES MASON, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 18, adults 2,) 20. Communicants: added, 35, died or removed from the city, 30; transferred to other Churches in Boston, 6; present number, 207. Confirmed, 25. Marriages, 8. Burials, 7. Sunday School: Teachers, 21; Scholars, 130. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$855; Diocesan Board, \$140. Communion Offerings, \$350. Other offerings for the Poor, \$187. Sufferers at Norfolk and Portsmouth, \$150. "Home for Orphan and Destitute Children," \$300. Total, \$1482.

In the above record of charitable contributions, I include only such as have come under my direct personal knowledge. Collections have been made by others, from time to time, in the parish, for church building, and other benevolent purposes, but of the amount of these I have no certain information. Contributions for the "Home for Orphan and Destitute Children" are still in progress. Many in the parish regard this Institution with deep interest, and no object could be more worthy of it, nor more sure to be attended with the Divine blessing. The Sunday School has been generally well attended, and I find great satisfaction in the co-operation of a steadfast and faithful band of teachers, two of whom are preparing for the Sacred Ministry. Though the number added to the Communion has been large, yet so great has been the change by removals, that the whole number of communicants remains about the same. I regret to add that there are a few on the list, who have neglected for several years to approach the "Table of the Lord." But their names have not been erased, as I constantly hope that they may be led by the truth and spirit of God to return with penitent hearts to their duty, as those who have solemnly, before the Church, taken the vows of God upon them.

Church of the Messiah, Boston.

THE REV. GEORGE M. RANDALL, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 19, adults 5,) 24. Confirmed, 15. Communicants: added 45; died or removed, 33; present number, 258.

Marriages, 28. Burials, 24. Sunday School: Scholars, 240; Teachers, 29; Superintendent and two Librarians; Total, 272. Contributions: Communion Alms, \$251.03½. Other Contributions for the Poor, \$50.87. Sunday School collections: In the School, \$132.49; of which \$40.00 were for the education of two children in Africa; for the School, \$87.00. Weekly Offerings, \$285.29; of which \$45.97 were for Diocesan Missions; \$62 for Iowa; \$30 for the Widows and Orphans Society; and \$31 for the Church in Metagorda, Texas; Ladies' Circle, 38. Total, \$834.09½.

The Sunday School, at their late annual Festival, presented to the parish a beautiful Font.

St. John's Church, East Boston.

THE REV. JOHN IRWIN, Rector.

Since the last Convention, there have been 13 baptisms, 12 Marriages, and 15 Burials in this parish. Four persons were confirmed in the commencement of the year. During the last year there have been collected: for Missionary purposes, \$85.18; for Charitable purposes, \$20.62, and for general purposes connected with the parish, \$11.92. These sums have been contributed as Communion Offerings. In addition, the Ladies of the parish have collected nearly \$200, which has been paid as an instalment towards the price of the organ placed in St. John's Church, on the occasion of its consecration. Some families have removed from this parish during the year, which has diminished the number of the Communicants; but the loss from this cause has been nearly made up by 8 additional Communicants and the 4 confirmed; so that our present number is 44. I am sorry to have to record that our Sunday School has fallen off in numbers during the year. This has occurred partly from the want of teachers, and the removal of families from the parish, and partly from the fact that I am not able to compete with the other Sunday Schools, in furnishing books, &c., and providing a large Library for the children. In a community like this, where so few send their children from *principle*, this latter reason is powerful. I am induced to hope for better things in future, but the number of Sunday Scholars at present in attendance, must be stated at 30.

As it respects the general interests of the parish, I have to record

the happy circumstance of the consecration of the church on the 13th of November last. The building is now free of debt, and after that the organ, lately purchased, shall have been paid for, I see no reason wherefore this parish should not make some efforts towards becoming self-supporting. There are, in fact, several tokens of an external prosperity, and although the Rector has not seen sufficient spiritual progress among the people whom he has served in the Gospel for nearly two years and a half, to satisfy him altogether, yet he is induced to hope that in the Lord's good time, the fruit of anxious prayers and many sermons will be more visible amongst them.

Church of the Advent, Boston

THE RIGHT REV. HORATIO SOUTHGATE, D. D., Rector.

THE REV. M. P. STICKNEY, Priest Associate.

THE REV. W. S. SOUTHGATE, Deacon Associate.

General Statistics: Baptisms, (infants 59, adults 12,) 71. Communicants: reported last year, 370; added since, 60; died or removed, 24; present number, 406. Confirmed: Several in other churches of this Diocese, and a few in other Dioceses. The number is not known; but they are included in the reports of the Churches where they were confirmed. Marriages, 20. Burials, 23. Sunday School: 1 Rector, the (Rector of the Parish;) 1 Superintendent, (the Deacon Associate;) 30 Teachers; 174 Scholars. The average number of Teachers, in attendance, is 23; and of Scholars, 125. The School might be more efficiently conducted, and larger in number, if we had a proper place for its meetings. Parish School: 1 Matron; 2 Teachers; 75 Scholars, of whom 17 are colored children; average attendance, (22 boys, 23 girls,) 45; average attendance of colored children, 9. Of the 75 children, 56 have been clothed by the Parish. The School is free. Most of the scholars are provided with books and stationery by the Parish Guild.

Offerings: On Sundays and Holy Days, \$7487.18; by the Parish Guild, \$1240.39; through the Alms Chest in the Porch of the Church, \$777.74; for gifts to the poor at Christmas, and a feast for the children on Innocent's Day, \$101; Sunday School offerings, \$18.92. Total, \$9620.23. Of this sum, \$2440.09 have

been devoted to objects of charity, including aid to Missions, religious societies, poor Parishes, &c.

Church Services : Public service in Church, 753 times ; Sermons and Lectures, 153 ; Holy Communion, 43 times ; Catechizing, (in Church, 46, in the Parish School, 253,) 299 times. Daily Prayer has been said in Church every morning and evening. The Holy Days have all been kept with special celebration. Sermons have been preached twice on every Sunday, once on every Holy Day, on every Wednesday evening until Easter, and daily in Passion Week. The Holy Communion has been celebrated on the first Sunday in every month, and on all Festivals. Two full choirs of men and boys have served in the church since Easter.

Parish Charities : 35 families have been regular pensioners of the Parish, receiving their support, in whole or in part, from it. The Guild has sustained the Parish school, and a House for poor and destitute persons, which has had 34 inmates during the year. The lay members of the Guild have made over 2000 visits to the poor, besides all that have been made by the Clergy ; and 1000 more have been made by the medical Brothers of the Guild ; \$100 have been expended in medicines for the poor. Besides temporal relief, Bibles, Prayer Books and other religious books have been distributed. Many also have been induced to attend Church, and to bring their children to Baptism and to the Sunday School. Nearly one half the children in the Sunday School have been clothed by the Parish. 500 garments have been given to the poor, 305 to children, and 195 to adults. A Sewing School, on Wednesday afternoons, having, through the year, 13 Teachers and 95 pupils, has been maintained. 120 articles of clothing have been made in the School.

The Rector has to acknowledge the great and valuable assistance rendered by his lay-brethren, and especially by the faithful women of the Church. Their chief reward, he trusts, is on high. On the whole, this is the most encouraging Report he has ever presented. May it awaken our gratitude to Almighty God, who has deigned to use us for such high and holy purposes ! May it also deepen our humility, by the thought of our utter unworthiness to be so employed !

St. Mark's Church, Boston.

THE REV. ALFRED L. BAURY, Pastor.

THE REV. EDWARD A. RENOUF, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms, infants, 4. Communicants: added, 13; died or removed, 3; present number, 34. Confirmed, 2. Burials, 3. Sunday School Scholars, 41. Teachers, 7. Contributions, received at the Offertory for religious purposes, \$206.45.

This infant parish is gradually but surely increasing in attendants on public worship, and ability to sustain the same. About forty families and more than twenty single persons are visited by the officiating clergymen, as constituting their pastoral charge, while a considerable number of strangers, or casual worshippers, are present on every occasion of divine service. Among whom are frequently those who come to the Lord's table. These are not included in the number of communicants belonging to St. Mark's, but supposed to be registered in other parishes. Nor are any regarded as parishioners unless they signify their desire to be so considered.

In April last, the Rev. Edward A. Renouf was invited to become assistant minister. Having accepted the appointment, he soon entered on the duties of the same; which he has discharged with such zeal and ability as to secure the confidence and respect of all who are officially or otherwise connected with him. In the Sunday School his labors promise the happiest results.

The corporation of St. Mark's are negotiating, by a judicious committee, for the purchase of a suitable lot of land, on which to erect, at no distant day, a church, commensurate with the character of the population, rapidly increasing in the southern part of the metropolis. Meanwhile, the building, now occupied by the parish, as the property of the corporation, is free from incumbrance; and affords ample accommodation for a congregation of more than three hundred persons; and is, in all respects, a neat and comfortable place of public worship.

St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston.

THE REV. E. M. P. WELLS, D. D., Missionary.

Baptisms, 90. Communicants, varying from 150 to 200. Confirmed, 20. Marriages, 44. Burials, 39. Sunday School: Teachers, 16; Scholars, 81; Rev. F. Byrne, Superintendent. Offertory, Missionary and Church purposes in general, \$875.89. I have, by the receipt of donations, entirely voluntary, relieved the poor to the amount of \$3654, on some 550 occasions. Besides \$1600 expended in Rent, Fuel, Sickness and Burials, and various other kinds of relief, to families and individuals, 15300 meals, 1309 loaves, 1041 parcels of tea and sugar, 8340 lodgings, and 500 new, and 395 second-hand garments have been given. The Daily Service; the Bi-weekly Lectures; the monthly Catechising, as a part of Sunday service, "openly in the Church," and the observance of the Fasts and Festivals of the Church have been observed and celebrated, as usual. Besides those services performed, and sermons delivered by my assistants, I have celebrated Daily and Festival services 706 times, and delivered thereat 139 sermons and addresses, and celebrated the Holy Communion 18 times.

Seamen's Chapel.

[No Report.]

Free Church of St. Mary for Sailors.

THE REV. J. P. ROBINSON, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 11, adults 2,) 13; Communicants, 87; Marriages, 7; Burials, 35; Confirmed 25.

The undersigned, in presenting his report, would beg to record the goodness and mercy which have followed him the past year.

Of the long series of years, in which he has been engaged in the cause of Seamen, this has witnessed more of the divine blessing on his ministrations, than any previous year.

The attendance on public worship has steadily increased, and at night the church is generally well filled, and often crowded.

The church has been opened during the week for "daily morning prayer." The attendance on this service has ranged from 5 to 85. There have been frequent occasions when nearly all the crew of a vessel has regularly come up from their ship to unite in this service while in port.

The weekly visitation at the Marine hospital has been uninterrupted. The consolations of religion have been administered to the sick and dying sailor, and the last offices of the Church performed over the remains of thirty-five seamen.

These solemn services, accompanied as they always have been, by affectionate, earnest exhortation, for the time, at least, produce serious thought; and the hope is entertained, that in some instances the Holy Spirit has made the word spoken at the side of the open grave effectual to the salvation of those who heard it.

The following shows the amount of Bibles, Testaments, &c., given to seamen:—Of Bibles, 325 were English; 30 Portuguese; 12 Spanish; 2 French; 3 Italian; and 10 Swedish. Of Testaments, 500 English; 90 Portuguese; 40 Spanish; 10 French; 8 Italian, 35 Swedish; 30 Danish, and 12 Welsh. Total, 382 Bibles; 725 Testaments; 360 Prayer Books; and 1500 books of a practical religious character, mostly in paper covers.

Tracts and religious papers have been furnished to the seamen generally worshipping at the Church.

To shipwrecked and destitute seamen have been given 117 articles of new clothing, and 230 pieces of second-hand garments.

The extent of these influences set forth above, cannot be followed or summed up; we know, however, they are the means God has seen fit to use for the conversion of men, and believe that when the sea shall give up her dead, many ransomed ones will be found, who will ascribe, under God, their salvation to these efforts, which have been put forth in faith of his blessed promise.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts:

HOUSE OF CORRECTION, Boston.

Since the last Convention, I have regularly officiated in this Institution twice every Sunday. The number of persons attending on

my ministrations has averaged about five hundred. A Sunday School is regularly held in the morning; in conducting the services of which, I have the valuable assistance of a number of Teachers from several of the Churches in this city. I also preach on special occasions, such as Fast day, Thanksgiving and Christmas days. In addition to this, I attend a daily religious service during the week, in which some portion of Scripture is read, accompanied by an address and prayers.

The care of the Library also devolves upon the Chaplain. This consists of several hundred volumes, which have all been collected since my connection with the institution. Every prisoner who can read is furnished with a Bible and Prayer Book, which remain in his cell during the term of his imprisonment, and are his constant companions; and also a book from the Library, which is exchanged every week.

These labors, together with my duties to the sick, and some others of an incidental character, occupy my whole time. The amount of good accomplished by these efforts to reform the criminal and vicious who are confined here, it is difficult to determine. There is much to dishearten the servant of God who undertakes it. Still, he must not be "weary in well doing," nor doubt the power of the Gospel to save even the chief of sinners.

During the year, I have solemnized two marriages, and officiated at nine funerals.

J. T. BURRILL,

Chaplain of House of Correction.

St. Luke's Church, Chelsea.

THE REV. WILLIAM S. BARTLET, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 8. Communicants: added, 9; died or removed, 5; present number, 63. Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 6. Burials, 9. Sunday School Scholars, 55. Missionary Contributions: Massachusetts Board, \$15; Other Contributions for Religious Purposes: by Sunday School Scholars for instruction and Library books for themselves, \$8.76; for a local charitable Society, \$10.41; amount of Communion Alms, \$50.13. Total, \$69.30.

The ladies of the Parish have raised by a Fair \$200, to be applied

to the reduction of the permanent debt of the Parish, and we trust still further to reduce said debt during the coming year.

The many removals from town which take place every year materially hinder the growth of this Parish. Still we hope that it is gradually becoming larger and stronger.

Essex County.

St. Peter's Church, Salem.

THE REV. GEORGE LEWIS, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 25, adults 5,) 80. Confirmed, 14. Communicants: added, 18; died, 7; removed, 1; present number, 252. Marriages, 5. Burials, 20. Sunday School: Teachers, 16; scholars, 125. Contributions: General Board of Missions, \$225.00; Diocesan Board, \$182.62; Diocese of Iowa, \$75.00; Board of Missions to Seamen, \$50.00; Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$47.55; Parochial Fund for Church Building, \$175.00; Aid to Feeble Parishes, \$80.00; Alms at the Offertory, \$358.06; Collection at Offertory, for the Sufferers in Norfolk and Portsmouth, \$120.00; other offerings for benevolent and pious purposes, \$188.00. Total, \$1,401.28.

A fund is in process of accumulation by the Ladies' Missionary Circle, which will prove the nucleus, probably, of an effort for Church-extension in Salem, at a day not remote. The condition of the Parish continues to be highly prosperous.

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

THE REV. JOHN B. RICHMOND, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 13, adults 1,) 14. Communicants, 76. Marriages, 4. Burials, 7. Confirmed, 3. Sunday School: Teachers, 12; Scholars, 75. Contributions: Foreign Missions, \$41. Domestic Missions, \$24. Bishop Lee, for Iowa, \$24.28. For sufferers at Norfolk and Portsmouth, \$125. Church in Canada, Rev. Mr. Mountain, \$35. Parish in Vermont, \$60.00. Erection of a furnace, and shingling church, \$500.00. Gas in Lecture Room, \$25.25. Total, \$834.58.

The above statistics exhibit the actual condition of the Parish, — slow in growth, but steady. Its contributions have been larger than for many years previous. One of Herman's largest furnaces has been erected, and the church has been shingled throughout. Gas has also been introduced into the Lecture Room, preparatory to its being put into the church. In addition to the regular services, lectures were commenced in November for the first and third Sunday evening of each month, which thus far have been so well attended, that the church has been crowded in every part. In addition to the old Sewing Circle, which has been doing its work with much zeal and industry, a new society has been formed of the younger members of the Parish, which is now in good working condition. The Rector is happy to acknowledge from this society, a present of a very beautiful surplice and scarf. The Sunday School, under its faithful Superintendent and corps of teachers, is doing a good work.

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

THE REV. WILLIAM HORTON, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 20, adults 1,) 21. Confirmations, 6. Communicants: added, 10; removed from town or died, 6; present number, 104. Funerals, 19. Marriages, 6. Catechetical Class, 50; Sunday School Scholars, 85; Bible Class, 25. Domestic Missions, \$39.26, (of this, \$23.00, Sabine city, Texas;) Foreign Missions, \$20.00; Theological Students, \$55.00; Church building, \$22.25; Communion Offerings, \$95.37; Sunday School, \$18.80; Tracts, \$5.00; Benevolent objects, \$244.35. Total, \$500.03.

The contributions of this Parish to Missionary objects would have been much larger; but its members have been engaged in removing a debt of \$1000, which has been burdening it for a number of years. That object is nearly accomplished; and it is believed, at next Easter, this ancient Parish will be enabled to say, it is free from all pecuniary liabilities of the past. During the past year, the congregation has been constantly increasing, in numbers, and in devout attendance on the services of God's House. All that is needed to make this Parish one of the most efficient in the Diocese,

is the faithful preaching of the Gospel, attended by the blessed influences of the Holy Spirit.

St. James's Church, Amesbury.

THE REV. ROBERT F. CHASE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 5, adults 2,) 7. Communicants: added 3; removed, 3; whole number, about 36. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 2. Burials, 2. Sunday School Scholars, about 40. Missionary Contributions: General Board of Missions, \$6.20; Eastern District Missionary Association, \$3.27; Other Contributions, about \$34.00. Total, \$43.47.

The present incumbent entered upon the duties of the Rectorship the Fourth Sunday after Easter, nearly five months after the decease of the Rev. Benjamin Austin. The Parochial statistics are, unavoidably, imperfect.

Christ Church, Andover.

THE REV. SAMUEL FULLER, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 12. Confirmed, 7. Communicants: added, 13; died and removed, 8; present number, 85. Marriages, 4. Burials, 18. Sunday School Scholars, 70. Missionary and other contributions: Foreign Committee of the General Board, \$70.87; Massachusetts Board, \$17.08; Widows and Orphans Society, \$12.65; Iowa, \$96.50; Minnesota, \$12.00; Wisconsin, \$85.88; Michigan, \$18.00; Books and Tracts, \$18.20; Sunday School, \$18.93; Parish Library, \$9.85. Total, \$339.46.

St. Stephen's Church, Lynn.

THE REV. ISAAC W. HALLAM, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 5. Burials, (adults 4, infants 8,) 12. Marriages, 3. Confirmed, 4. Communicants: died or removed, 6; present number, 48. Sunday School Scholars, 48. Contributions: Foreign Missions, \$12.00; Bishop Lee, for Iowa, \$2.35; Parish Sunday School, \$19.79; Offertory, \$51.21; Ladies' Sewing Society, \$20.06. Total, \$105.41.

In addition to the above, grateful mention is made of the proceeds of a sale, \$970 in amount, reserved for the erection of a parsonage. The congregation the past year has been usually larger than at any time during my ministry.

Grace Church, Lawrence.

THE REV. GEORGE PACKARD, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 81, adults 1,) 82. Communicants: added, 21; died, 8; removed, 20; present number, 103. Confirmed, 7. Marriages, 10. Burials, 22. Sunday School: Superintendent, 1; Librarian, 1; Teachers, (male 5, female 12,) 17; Scholars, 104. Missionary Contributions: General Board of Foreign Missions, \$20.00; Massachusetts Board, (Missionary station at Haverhill, \$35.00; at Melrose, \$10.00,) \$45.00. Offertory, \$131.59. Ladies' Sewing Circle, (chiefly by means of a Festival,) \$258.00. Raised in the Parish for Organ, \$742.00. Total, \$1196.59.

Change, change, constitutes the record of the year now closed, as of those which preceded it. Families, that we would gladly have retained, have left us, and others, whom we heartily welcome, have been added to our number. Our congregation has, upon the whole, increased, though not to the degree that is desirable.

More than ordinary interest has been manifested during the past year by the people in the temporalities of the Parish, and could there be an equal interest in spiritual things, our heart's desire and prayer to God would be pleasingly answered. "*May the Lord raise up his power and come among us, and with great might succor us!*" The organ, that I mentioned in my last Report, as ordered, was placed in the church in June. Its cost was \$1050. Of this, \$50.00 were contributed by a few friends in Lowell, who have bestowed many such favors in the past years of our existence, and \$1000 have been paid by the Parish, the Ladies, as usual, contributing very generously to the object.

Middlesex County.*Christ Church, Cambridge.*

THE REV. N. HOPPIN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 23, adults 1,) 24. Communicants: added, 21; died or removed, 11; present number, 140. Confirmed, 12. Marriages, 7. Burials, 9. Missionary Contributions: General Board, Foreign, \$36.00; Domestic, \$80.00; Massachusetts Board, for Haverhill, \$40.00; Diocese of Iowa, \$58.00. Communion Offerings, \$195.67. Total, \$409.67.

The condition of the Parish is outwardly favorable; and not without indications of some inward fruits of grace, to encourage our prayers and efforts for a greater effusion of God's Holy Spirit. Through the liberality of two individuals, who have also long given their personal labors in the religious teaching of the young, the Sunday School Library has been entirely refurnished with an ample supply of useful and instructive books.

St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport.

THE REV. WILLIAM P. PAGE, Rector.

No great change has taken place in the condition of this Parish during the past year. Means have been obtained, chiefly through the efforts of the ladies of the Parish, to pay off about one half of the Church debt, and we are not without hopes of being able to meet the remainder the coming spring. Our pecuniary means are still small, and we can do but little in aid of the general purposes of the Church. We trust, however, we shall have something to give for these objects ere long. Our prospects are by no means discouraging. The attendance upon the services of the Church is large, compared with what it was a few years ago, and nearly all our pews are occupied.

Our Sunday School is prosperous, and numbers about 60 scholars. Number of Communicants, 45. There have been 20 baptisms during the year. I have attended 15 funerals, and celebrated 4 marriages.

St. Anne's Church, Lowell.

THE REV. THEODORE EDSON, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 79, adults 1,) 80. Communicants : added, 32 ; died or removed, 18 ; present number, 355. Confirmed, 37. Marriages, 34. Burials, 58. Sunday School Scholars, 250. Missionary Contributions : General Board, \$116.00 ; Diocesan Missions, \$70.00. Other Contributions for Religious Purposes, about \$375.00. Total, \$561.

This Parish may be considered as favored of God with quite its accustomed degree of prosperity. In March last was celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of the consecration of St. Anne's Church. The day was one of interest, and much to be remembered ; especially in that, by a liberal contribution of the parishioners, and the generosity of proprietors both resident and removed, it was made the occasion of liquidating the Church debt, and of improving the parochial arrangements. The response of our hearts has been, "What hath God wrought?"

St. Mary's Church, Newton, Lower Falls.

THE REV. ANDREW CROSWELL, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 8, adults 2,) 10. Communicants : added, 17 ; died or removed, 8 ; present number, 144. Confirmed, 10. Marriages, 1. Burials, 15. Sunday School Scholars, 100. Missionary Contributions : General Board, \$47.00 ; Massachusetts Board, \$18.00. Other Religious Purposes, \$95.43. Total, \$160.43.

Subscriptions for charitable objects have been made within the Parish, of which the amount is not precisely known to the Rector.

St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton.

THE REV. ALFRED L. BAURY, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 3. Communicants : added, 10 ; died or removed, 7 ; present number, 26. Confirmed, 9. Burials, 2. Missionary Contributions, \$15.30.

This church has been opened for public worship from June to November, 1855, about two Sundays in each month. The attendance on divine service has been greater than either of the five years last past of my stated services in Hopkinton. The Bishop's visit to this Church in July last afforded an opportunity for Confirmation, when nine persons received that apostolic rite at his hands. This was the first Episcopal act ever performed by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Eastburn in Hopkinton.

The population of this town, as appears from the last census, is about 4000. The church is now in good repair, and free from debt. None of the pews were ever sold, and consequently remain the property of the Parish. A glebe, consisting of 178 acres of land, is free of all incumbrance, and was given for the sole use and improvement of the officiating minister.

This whole region presents a most inviting field for *missionary* labor. Not perhaps for speedily gathering a self-supporting Church, but for *doing* incalculable good.

The *foreign* population in this and the neighboring towns consists of many thousand souls. Here, in Hopkinton, the papists have a large and flourishing Church; and in the adjoining town of Milford, they have another of still larger dimensions, and thronged with people. Among these there is a sprinkling of Protestants, educated in the bosom of the United Church of England and Ireland. Ought not a Missionary to be sustained in this desolate portion of the vineyard, — to whose care and oversight these our brethren of the household of faith may be especially committed? Will not our Diocesan Board of Missions take action in the premises?

St. John's Church, Charlestown.

THE REV. T. R. LAMBERT, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 28, adults 3,) 31. Communicants, 106. Burials, 27. Sunday School: Teachers, 22; Scholars, 140; average attendance, 93. Contributions from Sunday School, for Library, Missions, etc., \$27.00; from congregation for similar purposes, \$51.00; Domestic Missions, \$50.00. Total, \$128.00.

In June last I was detached from the Navy Yard, Charlestown,

where I have been uninterruptedly employed for six years, for sea service, on board the U. S. Frigate *Potomac*, then lying at Norfolk, to which place I repaired, and circumstances rendering it important that I should return, I was detached, and resumed my duties at the former place, by invitation, until the 1st of September. At that time this Parish became vacant, by the resignation of the Rev. William Flint, and I was invited to officiate, which I continued to do, with the exception of four Sundays, until the 1st of January, when I entered upon the duties of Rector. The statistics in this Report include the acts of my predecessor.

Grace Church, Medford.

THE REV. JUSTIN FIELD, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 8. Marriages, 1. Communicants: added, 8; removed, 8; present number, 45. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$33.00; Diocesan Board, \$20.00. Total, \$53.00.

Christ Church, Waltham.

THE REV. THOMAS F. FALES, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 13, adults 1,) 14. Communicants: added, 12; died or removed, 14; present number, 70. Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 4. Burials, 9. Sunday School: Teachers, 7; Scholars, 40. Missionary Contributions: Massachusetts Board, \$67.87; General Board, \$112.75; Sunday School, Missions at the West, \$35.00; Sunday School Collections for Missions, \$40.00; Eastern District Missionary Association, \$60.00; Other Contributions, \$266.65. Total, \$669.27.

No material change has taken place in the condition and prospects of this Parish since the last Convention. There have been services in church twice, and sometimes three times, on Sunday, a weekly Lecture on Tuesday evening, and, in Lent, a Lecture on Friday afternoon, and every afternoon during Passion Week.

Our ladies, with their accustomed zeal, have earned the sum of \$415, which they will appropriate in part for Missions, and partly for the poor, and other parochial purposes.

The Rector has been greatly indebted to the Rev. J. S. Copley Greene, who, while a Candidate for Orders, and since his Ordination in January last, has rendered him his constant and most acceptable assistance.

In connection with the Rev. Mr. Greene, the Rector of this Church commenced a regular service, in May last, at Newton Corner. This service, since the autumn, has been maintained principally under the care of the Rev. Mr. Greene, with the assistance of several of the Clergy of Boston and the vicinity, who have rendered their frequent and gratuitous services. Under God's blessing it has resulted in the organization of a Parish in that interesting and growing village, which gives most encouraging promise of future strength. This Parish was organized in September, and will apply for admission into union with this Convention during its present session. In making such a movement it was felt that it must be to some extent at the expense of our Church in Waltham, but the demand was so pressing, and the promise of gain to the Church at large was so great, that we could not forbear. We feel very much the loss of several highly valued communicants who have become the nucleus of this new enterprise; but it is a source of great satisfaction to know that they can be still more useful in their present connection. The statistics of this Parish are as follows:

Grace Church, Newton Corner.

Families, 30. Baptisms, adults, 1. Communicants: added new, 7; present number, 36. Confirmed, 5. Burials, 1. Sunday School: Teachers and officers, 11; Scholars, 45. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$16.00; Other Contributions for Religious Purposes, exclusive of expense of sustaining worship, \$74.00. Total, \$90.00. Avails of ladies' sale for church lot, \$400.

Services are held every Sunday evening in a large and commodious hall, containing upwards of three hundred sittings, which in a few weeks will be entirely under the control of the Parish.

Norfolk County.*Christ Church, Quincy.*

[No Report.]

St. Paul's Church, Dedham.

THE REV. SAMUEL B. BARBOCK, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 9. Communicants: added, 15; died or removed, 14; present number, 112. Confirmed, 7. Marriages, 2. Burials, 8. Sunday School Scholars, 75. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$34; Massachusetts Board, \$59.28; Other religious purposes, \$300. Total, \$393.28. For Educational purposes in Ohio, \$63; Seamen's Mission, (Ladies' Society,) \$31; Diocese of Iowa, \$125; Sunday School Library, \$80; Charities in Church, but out of Parish, \$100; Parish purposes, besides regular expenses, about \$500.

The ladies have presented the Rector a new fine linen surplice. An unrevealed friend has presented for the Table, a very beautiful Prayer Book.

St. James's Church, Roxbury.

THE REV. JOHN WAYLAND, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 11. Communicants: added, 4; present number, 121. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 5. Burials, 8. Sunday School Scholars, 70. For Domestic and Foreign Missions, \$200; Other benevolent objects, \$165.56. Total, \$365.56.

St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain.

THE REV. CAMERON F. McRAE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 9, adults 1,) 10. Communicants: removed, 9; added, 9; present number, 71. Burials, 4. Sunday School Scholars, 50. Confirmed, 4. Other Candidates for Confirmation were detained from Church by a storm of unusual violence on that day, (January 8.) Contributions: General Missionary Board,

\$200; Massachusetts Board, \$27.84; Mission at Sandwich, \$50; Widows and Orphans, \$25; Alms to the poor, \$106.50. Total, \$408.34. Besides these sums, a beautiful service of silver for the Holy Communion, has been presented by communicants of the parish.

St. Mary's Church, Dorchester.

THE REV. EDWARD L. DROWN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 13, adults 3,) 16. Communicants: present number, about 80. Confirmed, 7. Marriages, 3. Burials, 7. Sunday School: Scholars, 40; Teachers, 8. Charities: Offertory, \$85.87; Incidental expenses, \$120. Missions: Foreign, \$10; Domestic, \$47.75; Diocesan, (for Sandwich,) \$25. Society for relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$28.12; Sunday School, \$30; Special Collection for the Poor, \$34.19; By Ladies' Sewing Circle for Parochial purposes, \$92. Total, \$472.98.

St. Paul's Church, Brookline.

THE REV. JOHN S. STONE, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 6, adults 2,) 8; Communicants: added, 5; died or removed, 11; present number about 70. Confirmed, 7. Marriages, 5. Burials, 4. Sunday Scholars, about 60. Missionary Contributions: (General Board,) Foreign, \$440.89; Domestic, \$864.63. Total, \$805.52. Churches in Massachusetts, \$163.00; Other objects, \$1032.00. Total, \$2000.52.

Plymouth County.

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.

THE REV. SAMUEL CUTLER, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 6, adults 5,) 11. Communicants: added, 15; died, 4; present number, 108. Confirmed, 12. Marriages, 7. Burials, 13. Sunday School: Teachers, 10; Scholars, 53. Contributions for Missions and other benevolent purposes, about \$270. In addition to this amount, there has been raised through the efforts

of the Young Ladies' Sewing Society, the sum of \$425.00, which was expended in placing upon the tower of the church a new clock ; and by a few gentlemen, the further sum of \$425.00 for a new bell.

Externally, the condition of the Parish may be reported as prosperous. In spiritual things, there has been, we hope, during the year, an awakened interest. Our Lent services were blessed. And the addition to the Communion, of a larger number than for some years past, encourages the hope that our labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

THE REV. ASA EATON, D. D., Rector.

Communicants: about 20. Confirmed, 2. The Wardens and Vestry are still desirous of obtaining the services of a resident Clergyman.

Christ Church, Plymouth.

[No Report.]

Bristol County.

St. Thomas's Church, Taunton.

THE REV. EDWARD ANTHON, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 28, adults 4,) 32. Communicants: added, 23; died or removed, 4; present number, 147. Confirmed, 10. Marriages, 4. Burials, 5. Sunday School: Teachers, 26; Scholars, 200; Branch School at Oakland, Teachers, 10; Scholars, 60; Total, in both schools, 260. Contributions, \$278.64. Sunday School Offerings, \$80, of which \$45.00 is for scholarships in China and Africa. Total, \$358.64.

The present Rector entered upon his duties the first Sunday in Advent, 1855, and has, therefore, but little to report, beyond the above statistics, of the state and prospects of the parish. The resignation of the Rev. Mr. Snow took effect on the 1st of May last. A large part of the Baptisms, and the ten Confirmed, are on the

record before that date. From the date of the last Convention, also, up to that just mentioned, he informs me that \$42.88 were collected at the Offertory, and \$96.25 at the monthly offerings of February, March and April. Of this latter sum, \$38.10 were for Iowa, and were deposited with J. B. Dow, April 19th; \$14.66 were for the Ladies' Circle; the balance was devoted to the poor, as the season was very inclement and the claims on charity unusually large. These amounts are included in the total reported.

From May 1st, to the first Sunday in Advent, the services have been supplied by the Rev. D. L. B. Goodwin, of Providence, and the Rev. Horatio Gray, of New York.

No entries have been made in the Register since May 1st, and the memoranda of the Rev. Mr. Gray's services are not at hand.

Grace Church, New Bedford.

THE REV. SPENCER M. RICE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 83, adults 16,) 49. Communicants: added, 46; present number, 110. Confirmed, 32. Marriages, 5. Burials, 10. Sunday School Scholars, 75. Contributions: Alms, \$90.04; for the Mission at Sandwich, \$15.00; Diocesan Missions, \$14.28; Sunday School, \$62.26. Total, \$181.58.

For repairs of church and other parochial purposes, there has been raised the sum of \$5794.30.

It has pleased God to grant to the Parish of Grace Church the blessings of His Spirit and of His Grace, and we trust He will continue to bless it still more and more.

Church of the Ascension, Fall River.

THE REV. EMERY M. PORTER, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 25, adults 3,) 28. Communicants: added, 28; died or removed, 7; present number, 90. Confirmed, 22. Marriages, 12. Burials, 20. Sunday School Scholars, 175. Missionary Contributions: Diocesan Missions, \$23.11; Domestic Missions, (for the West,) \$3.65. Other Religious and Charitable purposes: For the Jews, 75 cts.; American Tract Society, \$3.50;

Communion Alma, including special Christmas collection, \$34.29 ; Other collections, for the Sunday School, \$22.85. Total, \$88.15.

This Parish relinquished further claim upon the Diocesan Board of Missions at Easter last.

It is with special gratitude to God, and many thanks to the Board, that this Parish reflect upon the important aid so long and kindly rendered to them. Without that aid all efforts to establish the Church here on its present foundation would have been unavailing. Notwithstanding the constant heavy draft on a portion of the members to sustain services in the midst of a population containing so many, chiefly of a foreign birth, who need charity themselves, the Church trust they will be able to do something to express their sympathy with the cause of missions to others—as a thank-offering for favors received.

The Sunday School is at present a most encouraging feature of this parish. The God of Heaven,—may He prosper us !

Christ Church, Swansea.

[No Report.]

Trinity Church, Pawtucket.

THE REV. J. S. TOWNSEND, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 8, adults 7,) 15. Confirmed, 12. Marriages, 5. Burials, 7. Communicants, 70. Sunday School Teachers, 10 ; Pupils, 90. Collections for Diocesan Missions, \$15.02 ; for Sunday School purposes, \$15.00 ; at the Offertory, \$19.00 ; Weekly collections for Parish purposes, \$76.09 ; Miscellaneous, \$3.00. Total, \$128.11.

Nantucket County.

St. Paul's Church, Nantucket.

THE REV. CHARLES H. CANFIELD, Deacon, Minister.

Communicants, 33. Sunday School Scholars, 14. Contributions for Foreign and Domestic Missions, \$3.04.

Religious worship is supported by a weekly collection. Through the kindness of friends in Boston, we have been enabled to light our church with gas, and are now able to hold evening services, which have been of great benefit to us. The congregation, notwithstanding that every Sabbath but one since I took charge of the church has been unpleasant, is on the increase.

Worcester County.

St. John's Church, Wilkesonville.

THE REV. BENJAMIN H. CHASE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 16, adults 2,) 18. Communicants: added, 5; died or removed, 6; present number, 71. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 4. Burials, 8. Sunday School Scholars, 60. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$10.40; Other Contributions for Religious Purposes, \$60.52. Total, \$70.92.

There has been no very marked change in the condition of this Parish during the past year. We think, however, we are warranted in reporting, that some progress has been made in the right direction. The proof of this may be derived from a comparison of the above statistics with those of my previous report; from an increased attendance upon public worship; from an improved state of the choir, both in numbers and efficiency; from a more flourishing condition of the Sunday School; and from a larger attendance upon our extra religious services.

We have been especially favored in securing the very efficient and devoted services of Mr. J. P. Newton, as Superintendent of the Sunday School. Under his acceptable supervision a full complement of faithful teachers perform their labor of love, in helping to bring up the children of the Church "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

The Ladies' Sewing Society have continued their charitable work during the year, and now have in hand, as the fruits of their industry, about \$70, which they design to appropriate for church repairs, when the whole amount required for that purpose shall be obtained.

Besides what has been done by the Sewing Society, I am happy

to report a praiseworthy deed from another source. A company of persons, mostly ladies, concerted an agreeable surprise for the congregation, in the form of a very handsome chandelier, which they suspended in the church as a Christmas present, and which lighted the church for the first time on Christmas Eve.

Besides these outward evidences of life, there are other proofs of an encouraging state of religion among us. I trust that it may be truly said of us as a church, that we are desiring and laboring for the increase of pure and undefiled religion. I feel confident of the prayers and active co-operation of our people, in all judicious efforts to promote the prosperity of the Church. The chief supporters of the Church are among our most substantial and respectable citizens, and are men of exemplary Christian character. Such being the tokens of the Divine favor towards us, we can but "thank God, and take courage."

All-Saints' Church, Worcester.

THE REV. A. M. MORRISON, Rector.

Baptisms, Infants, 11. Communicants: added, 10; died and removed, 14; present number, 79. Married, 4. Died, 3. Sunday School Scholars, 35. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$69.19; Massachusetts Board, \$12.48; Other Contributions for Religious Purposes, \$136.50. Total, \$218.12.

Two coats of paint, much needed, have been given to the outside of the church building during the year, at a cost of \$250.

An experiment, though not so successful as could have been wished, has been tried in introducing congregational singing.

Too large a proportion of the communicants are known as such only from the register, rarely, or never, appearing at the Lord's Table.

The Parish is still financially so feeble that the Rector has not felt authorized to press the collection of the salary pledged last year, especially, as some long-forgotten accounts have turned up, and received settlement to the amount of nearly \$200, in addition to the debt discharged already. This sets the Parish entirely free from obligation, except to the Rector. Of the sums received for

religious objects, the Sunday School contributed \$24.42 less than last year, on account of less regular attendance.

Christ Church, Clappville.

[No Report.]

St. John's Church, Millville.

THE REV. ALFRED B. GOODRICH, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 12, adults 4,) 16. Communicants : added, 17 ; removed, 6 ; present number, about 70. Confirmed, 10. Marriages, 5. Burials, 3. Sunday School : Teachers, 8 ; Scholars, about 50. Contributions : for Parish Sunday School, \$23.40 ; for Domestic Missions, \$45.09 ; Special Collection at Christmas, \$40 ; Communion Alms, \$62.13. Total, \$170.62.

I took charge of this Parish in May last. For about three months preceding, it was supplied, very faithfully and acceptably, by the Rev. Edward DeZeng, of the Diocese of Western New York. The Parish is steadily increasing in strength ; and in a spiritual, as well as temporal point of view, there is much ground for encouragement. The same generous-hearted individuals, — to whose munificence and Christian zeal it is owing, in great measure, that this noble work was so well begun and has been so successfully carried on — still contribute largely to its furtherance, both by their efforts and their means. For the cheerful and untiring exertions of these, and of others not a few, in promoting the welfare of the Parish, and for many acts of kindness towards himself, the Rector desires to record his heartfelt gratitude.

Since the last Report, the grounds around the church — previously enclosed with a heavy stone wall — have been adorned by a variety of beautiful trees, for which we are indebted to the taste and liberality of Henry Mansfield, Esq.

The Sunday School, owing to the zealous efforts of a number of devoted members of the congregation, is in a prosperous condition.

At every session, the Rector — unless providentially prevented — is present to instruct, catechize, or address the children. At Christmas, the children's Festival takes place. Weekly during the sum-

mer, and monthly during the winter, a large class of adults have assembled for catechetical instruction.

During the greater part of the year, services have been held in Blackstone, a populous village, about one mile distant. They were begun, and for a few weeks kept up, by the Rev. Mr. DeZeng; and have been continued on Sunday evenings by the Rector, with the assistance, occasionally, of the Rev. Mr. Talbot, of the Diocese of Rhode Island. The attendance has been very encouraging, and the interest manifested in the services deeper than usual in such cases. Could the services of a clergyman be given wholly to the work, it is believed that a self-supporting Parish might be soon established there.

Hampden County.

Christ Church, Springfield.

THE REV. WILLIAM S. CHILD, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 7, infants 29,) 86. Communicants: added, 28; died, 5; removed, 10; present number, 187. Confirmed, 10. Marriages, 11. Burials, 14. Offerings: for Domestic Missions, Iowa, \$76.84; Nashotah, \$79.16; Mr. Breck's Mission, \$5.00; Domestic Committee, \$79.00. Total, \$239.50. For Foreign Missions, \$54.00; For Diocesan Missions, to cancel the balance of debt on Grace Church, Chicopee, \$313.00; For the Parish Sunday School, \$130.67; For the Episcopal Tract Society, \$5.00; For the New York Prayer Book Society, \$5.00; For the Parish debt, \$1431.33; Communion Alms, \$302.91. Total, \$2481.42.

Grace Church, Chicopee.

THE REV. WILLIAM H. MUNROE, Minister.

Baptisms, (infants 11, adults 1,) 12. Communicants: added, 2; removed, 4; present number, 82. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 2. Burials, 2. Sunday School Scholars, 40. Sunday School Collections, \$8.00; Offertory, \$46.90. Total, \$54.90. Other moneys, raised by the Ladies of the Congregation, for the support of the services of the Church, \$160.00. Present number of Families,

25. Since the last Convention, about 16 Families have removed from the place, reducing to a considerable extent our regular attendance on Sunday.

Hampshire County.

St. John's Church, Northampton.

THE REV. JOHN P. HUBBARD, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 8. Communicants, 70. Burials, 4. Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 8. Sunday School Scholars, 40. Contributions: Foreign Missions, (Church, \$107.61, Sunday School, \$93.30,) \$200.91. Episcopal Missionary Association for the West, \$39.09; Church in Hudson, Wisconsin, \$25.00; Rev. E. Williams, Indian Mission, \$15.00; Mission to Seamen, \$17.64; Society for Relief of Widows and Orphans, &c., \$13.71; Rev. L. M. Pease, Five Points Mission, (Church, \$15.65, Sunday School, \$7.21,) \$22.86; Communion Collections, \$85.05; Church Alterations, Organ, &c., \$2813.59. Total, \$3232.85.

In my last report, I mentioned that \$1000 had been subscribed abroad to aid us in our contemplated improvements. Subsequently this amount was raised to \$1237.00. From the sale of our old Organ we realized \$66.17. These amounts, making in all \$4177.06, have been expended in church alterations, and the purchase of a new Organ. Our church was completed and opened for worship the first Sunday in July, and I am happy to say that every debt is now paid off. Of the subscriptions mentioned above, \$340.68 are yet due; but this amount has been advanced by the Rector to fulfil his own pledge that the debts should be paid, and also as a temporary accommodation to individual subscribers.

The regular contributions have steadily increased. I would call attention to a fact, in accordance indeed with the universal experience of missionary operations, which may serve to illustrate the secret of parochial prosperity. Three years ago, this Parish was in debt; it found great difficulty in raising sufficient means to meet its current expenses. *It was doing almost nothing to advance Christ's kingdom in the earth.* Since that period an entire change has been wrought; the im-

perative duty of aiding in the extension of the Gospel has been enforced, and *collections for various missionary operations have been regularly taken up*. By this means \$1221.58 have been contributed for the Lord's work. And with what result to the Parish? Has it been thereby impoverished and crippled? Far from it! More than ever has been raised to meet our current expenses, and with far greater regularity and ease. A debt of \$400 has been paid off, and \$8078.22 have been raised for church alterations, &c. There has been returned to us out of the Lord's treasury more than the amount given by us, viz., \$1237.00 In other words, we have received and expended upon our own sanctuary \$4710.22, — nearly fourfold the amount we have contributed for missions.

And now in external things, and I would trust in some corresponding measure also in spiritual things, we are highly prospered. We now possess a truly beautiful sanctuary, an ornament instead of a disfigurement to our village. Internally, it is convenient in arrangement, commodious, simple and chaste in style, by its pleasant and homelike aspect attracting us to the worship of our God and Saviour. It has been carpeted and cushioned uniformly throughout, and is complete in all its arrangements. Our Organ, made by Mr. Johnson, of Westfield, is a very superior instrument. In all these things, our expectations of last year have been more than realized. "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," and to His glorious name be all the praise!

Franklin County.

St. James's Church, Greenfield.

THE REV. WILLIAM FLINT, Rector.

The present Rector entered upon his duties at this Church, the first Sunday in September, 1855; succeeding the venerated and beloved Titus Strong, D. D. He can add nothing to the tribute of worth which the Church through all her borders has given him,—he can only pray that the same blessed Spirit which directed him, may bless and direct his successor.

Since September 1st, Baptisms, 8. Marriages, 1. Burials, 8. The number of Communicants cannot now be accurately ascertained; but the Parish is believed to be in a flourishing condition.

St. John's Church, Ashfield.

THE REV. C. CLEVELAND, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 6, adults 8,) 9. Confirmed, 2. Communicants: removed, 2; died, 1; present number, 22. Marriages, 8. Funerals, 18. Sunday School Scholars, 20. Missionary Contributions, \$64.80; General Board, \$55.60; Massachusetts Board, \$8.80; Other Contributions to Religious Purposes, \$200.00. Total, \$328.20.

The foregoing is the report for the last two conventional years.

Berkshire County.

St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough.

THE REV. S. BRENTON SHAW, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 5, adults 6,) 11. Communicants: added, 5; died or removed, 3; present number, 68. Confirmed, 6. Burials, 9. Sunday School: Teachers, 6; Scholars, 60. Contributions: General Board, \$5.00; Massachusetts do., \$10.00; Sunday School, \$5.00; Other contributions, \$750.00. Total, \$770.00.

The usual services of the Church have been sustained throughout the year, and the general condition of the Parish is prosperous. The interior of the church has been very beautifully repaired, and its arrangements made much more convenient. To the Bishop of the Diocese we are indebted for appropriate chairs for the Chancel; to David L. Seymour, Esq., of Troy, for a Bible and Prayer Book for the Desk; and to a lady of the parish, for a pair of elegant Lamps. What we now most need is a more devotional spirit, to profit, not only in sunshine, but in storm, by the privileges of God's Holy Temple—and a sufficient degree of zeal to procure a better Organ to assist in the chanting of his praise. It may be proper to state that the Rector of this Parish has administered the sacrament of Baptism during the year, in Pittsfield, in Williamstown, and in Adams;

and performed other ministerial duties in each of the above named towns. Twenty years ago the Church might have been planted in Adams, had a suitable missionary been sent there. A strong effort is now being made to accomplish what might have been done then ; and could assistance be given the devoted band in that village towards the erection of a convenient church the coming year, the Parish, I have no doubt, would soon become self-supporting.

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.

THE REV. ROBERT J. PARVIN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 9, adults 1,) 10. Communicants: added, 4; removed, 9; present number, 95. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 6. Burials, 3. Sunday School Scholars, 60. Missionary Contributions: General Board, Foreign Missions, \$123; Domestic Missions, \$114.12. Massachusetts Board for Diocesan Missions, \$22; Other Contributions to Religious Purposes; including American Bible Society, through the Pittsfield Branch Society; the Society for the relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen; Books and papers for the Sunday School—and papers and tracts for distribution in the Parish, \$151.72. Given by the Sunday School to the Evangelical Knowledge Society, for printing Tract called "The Happy Little Girl," \$10. Total contributions for the year, \$420.84.

In addition to the above, the Rectory, (mention of which, as "commenced," was made in last year's Report,) has been built, at a cost, inclusive of the land, of something less than \$4,500, and the Ladies of the Parish have contributed \$300, (proceeds of a Fair,) towards the furnishing of the house.

The Rectory is a commodious, and a most beautiful building, and great credit is due to the Hon. Mr. Newton, of the parish, for his liberal contributions of money, and personal supervision, for the securing of the chaste and thoroughly built house. The Bishop of the Diocese contributed \$100, and the Hon. A. Boody, of Rochester, \$200 towards the work. The rest all came from within the Parish. Mr. Newton contributed *one-third* of the whole outlay.

Fifteen hundred dollars of the amount of cost, yet remain unpaid. The Rector was given possession in October last; subject, however,

as the matter now stands, to the payment of the annual interest on the present indebtedness (\$1500,) and the yearly taxes. This incumbrance, it is hoped, may soon be removed, or in some other way provided for by the Parish.

The Rector of the Parish, by reason of injuries received, August 29, 1855, on the Camden and Amboy Railroad, has since that date been seriously hindered in the discharge of his pastoral duties. Kept out of the church entirely, for about three months, he has since been able, only to a very limited extent, to attend to public services, and not at all to parochial visiting. He had the assistance of the Rev. H. Gray—since of Western New York—for some two months, and casual assistance from other brethren, at different times.

St. James's Church, Great Barrington.

THE REV. G. LEWIS PLATT, Rector.

The present Rector of this Parish entered upon his duties on Sunday, January 13, 1856. The Rev. John Woart resigned his charge here, at Easter, 1854. The Rev. F. Byrne had charge from June 18, 1854, to October 29, 1854. During his ministry, he held 35 Services in the Parish, and 5 in the neighborhood. Baptisms, 32. Confirmed, 6. Marriages, 1. Burials, 5. Sunday School Services, 32; Scholars, 76; Teachers, 12. The Rev. W. W. Seymour had charge from Christmas, 1854, to November 1, 1855. During his ministry, he had regular services. Baptisms, 11. Confirmed, 12. Marriages, 5. Burials, 14. Sunday School Scholars, 75; Teachers, 8.

With a large number of families, and a long list of communicants, there should be strength and prosperity. Evidences of a more active interest are manifest; and, it is hoped, with God's blessing, that they will come to good effect.

Trinity Church, Van Deusenville.

THE REV. LEWIS GREEN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 1, adults 1,) 2. Communicants: added, 1; died or removed, 2; present number, 38. Marriages, 2. Burials,

4. Sunday School Scholars, 31. Contributions: Diocesan Missions, \$10.26; Foreign Missions, \$2.00; Communion Alms, \$15.22; For a Church in Iowa, \$1.00; Rev. Mr. Chisholm's Orphan Son, \$3.00; Orphan's Home, New York City, \$4.00; Chippewa Mission, Minnesota, \$2.00. Total, \$37.48.

St. Andrew's Church, New Boston.

[No Report.]

St. Paul's Church, Otis.

[No Report.]

St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.

THE REV. LEWIS GARNER, Minister.

Baptisms, infants, 3. Communicants: removed, 1; present number, 46. Confirmed, 2. Burials, 1. Sunday School Scholars, 18. Contributions: Diocesan Missions, \$8.80; Communion Alms, about \$20.00. Total, \$28.80.

During the past year, services have been held in the morning of Sunday, by the Rector of Trinity Church, Van Deusenville. A tower has been added to the church, in which have been placed a fine bell and clock. The lot of land between the church and the main street, now vacant, has been secured to the Parish, and levelled and grassed over. These improvements, made through the liberality of the people of the Parish and its friends, have added much to the appearance of the church. In other respects, there is no important change to report.

Trinity Church, Lenox.

THE REV. WILLIAM H. BROOKS, Rector.

Communicants: added, 7; removed, 8; present number, 18. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1. Sunday School Scholars, 16; Teachers, 5. Contributions: Diocesan Missions, (of which \$3.29 was from the Sunday School,) \$10.00; Domestic Missions, (of which \$1.50

was from the Sunday School,) \$10.50; Foreign Missions, (of which \$3.00 was from the Sunday School,) \$22.00; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$14.00; Sunday School, \$18.17; Church Building, in Hudson, Wisconsin, \$10.00; Parish Visitor, \$6.79; Parochial Purposes, \$44.00. Total, \$135.46.

The above report dates from the Sunday next before Easter, April 1, 1855, at which time I assumed the charge of the Parish.

On entering upon my duties, I found the number of communicants to be fourteen.

For some years previous, the Churches in Stockbridge and Lenox were supplied by the same Rector, consequently but one Service was held on each Lord's Day in this Parish.

My time being wholly given to the Church in Lenox two Sunday Services are held.

In the summer months, Lenox being a great resort, our congregations during that portion of the year are always of good size, and frequently almost fill the church. Unless this fact be taken into consideration, an adequate idea of the importance of the Parish cannot be formed, as in the statistics of Communicants and Sunday School Scholars given above, none but those *resident* in the town are included.

A kind friend has presented to the Church a beautiful and substantial copy of the Parish Register, published by Messrs. Stanford & Swords.

In addition to my regular parochial duties, I make monthly visits to the Berkshire County House of Correction, located in Lenox, holding a Service for the forty-nine prisoners confined within its walls, and distributing among them tracts and papers.

Barnstable County.

Church of the Messiah, Wood's Hole.

THE REV. T. B. FLOWER, Rector.

Number of Families, 32. Communicants: added, 3; present number, 7. Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 1. Burials, 2. Sunday School Scholars, 32; Teachers, 6. Contributions: Foreign Mis-

sions, Africa, \$20.00; Domestic Missions, Iowa, \$30.00; Diocesan Missions, \$32.60; For Sunday School Books, \$10.00; Toward a Gown, \$15.00; Ladies' Sewing Society, \$26.00; Offertory, \$22.00; Bible Society, \$2.12; Juvenile Missionary Society of Sunday School, for China, \$5.69. Total, \$163.29.

The condition of the Parish is quite as encouraging as last year.

To the Right Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D., }
Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts: }

I have baptized six children during our last Conventional year, which I regret to say has been the only official service I have rendered during that period.

I am still an invalid, and so must remain during all the good pleasure of Him whose glory here often shines brightest "in the burning bush." If by sufferings I can best exemplify the virtue, the power and the glory of those heavenly graces which are the true ornaments of the Christian character, I would by no means despond, but rather rejoice that I am counted worthy to suffer for His sake.

SHIPLEY WELLS WILLSON.

Boston, January 16, 1856.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts:

As it is my duty, I would report, that during the last year continued ill health has prevented me from preaching except upon a few occasions, and from any but occasional assistance in the various offices of the Church. I have baptized one child. Should my health not greatly improve, I have no present prospect of ever being able to resume active ministerial labors. All which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE C. SHEPARD.

Charleston, S. C., Jan. 8, 1856.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese:

The undersigned respectfully reports that his resignation of St. Thomas's Church, Taunton, took effect, as notified in his last report

to the Convention, on the first of May, 1855. The statistics of the parish, from January 10th, to the above date, are incorporated with the report of the present Rector, the Rev. Mr. Anthon.

After entire rest from clerical duty for six months, the undersigned has accepted the appointment of an agent for the American Sunday School Union, and, under this appointment, has recently commenced service in the churches of the diocese.

THEODORE W. SNOW.

Jamaica Plain, January 15th, 1856.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :

The undersigned respectfully reports that he entered upon his duties as Rector of St. Thomas's Church, Taunton, on the first Sunday in Advent, 1855. The meeting of the Convention occurring so soon after, he has nothing of interest to communicate. The late Rector, the Rev. T. W. Snow, has promised to make up the usual statistics to the time of his departure—since then no regular entries have been made in the Register.

EDWARD ANTHON.

Taunton, January, 1856.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese :

After the Convention of 1855, my Missionary services were continued at Nantucket till the 1st of August. Since that time, I have preached 26 times, administered the Holy Communion 4 times, attended one funeral, and read service 30 times. Most of these services have been performed in a neighboring Diocese.

ETHAN ALLEN.

North Swansea, January 17, 1856.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese :

The undersigned respectfully reports that, during the past year, he has assisted the Rev. T. F. Fales, Rector of Christ Church, Waltham; and that he has also officiated at Newton Corner, from the first Sunday in June till the present time, taking charge of a part of the services at that place.

The report of this Parish, which has been organized under the name of Grace Church, is given by the Rev. Mr. Fales.

J. S. COPLEY GREENE.

Andover, January 16, 1856.

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D., }
Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :*

The undersigned respectfully reports that, in addition to his duties as Principal of a young ladies' school in this city, he has occasionally assisted in the performance of divine service, on the Lord's Day, and has baptized 2 infants, and read the burial service on four occasions.

D. G. HASKINS.

Boston, January 17, 1856.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :

My engagement with the Parish of Grace Church, Providence, R. I., was terminated on the 1st of March, 1855. Since which time I have officiated chiefly in St. John's Church, Portsmouth, N. H.; performing the whole duties of that Church during the illness of the Rector, and assisting him since his recovery.

Since the last Convention, I have officiated on 43 Sundays and Holy Days, in St. John's, Portsmouth; on 6 Sundays in Grace Church, Providence, on 2 in St. James's, Roxbury, and on one each in Grace Church, Boston, St. Mark's, Boston, St. John's, Northampton, St. Paul's, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and St. Peter's, Salem. I have baptized 5 children, and attended 2 funerals, administered the Holy Communion 10 times, and assisted in its administration 4 times.

HENRY BURBROUGHS, JR.

Boston, January 16, 1856.

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D., }
Bishop of the Diocese :*

I continued the Assistant at St. Stephen's till April 22, 1855, when I became the Assistant Minister of St. Mark's Church, Boston.

My official acts as such, are included in the Rev. A. L. Baury's report of that Parish.

EDWARD A. RENOUF.

Boston, January 15, 1856.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :

Since transmitting my last report, I have been residing in this section of the country for the benefit of my health ; having been compelled to remove from Boston and engage in more active employment. I have travelled somewhat, and officiated occasionally for my brethren in other Dioceses ; have administered Baptism to 3 infants, and celebrated the Holy Communion several times. I trust soon to be so far recovered of my bronchial affections as to warrant a resumption of parochial duties.

WM. ALFRED JENKS.

Camden, N. J., January 16, 1856.

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D., }
Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts : }*

The undersigned respectfully reports, that he has been engaged in the performance of official duty, on nearly every Sunday in the past ecclesiastical year. He has administered, or assisted at the administration of, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, on 9 occasions, baptized 1 infant, officiated at 1 funeral, and preached 50 discourses.

At present, he is officiating at Christ Church, Quincy, in the absence, in Europe, of the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Bradley.

F. A. FOXCROFT.

Boston, January 14, 1856.

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D., }
Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts : }*

Since my last report I have resided in the city of New York. My health has been such as to prevent my exercising the functions of the ministry, except occasionally. I have been afflicted with neuralgia in my head to such a degree as to render it impossible for me to write, study, or think, for any length of time upon any sub-

ject, without completely prostrating my nervous system, and producing the most excruciating pain in my head. Much of the time included in this report I have been confined to my house. My confidence in God is unshaken, and my prayer to Him is that this light affliction, which is but for a moment, may work out for me a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, through Jesus Christ, my Lord.

HENRY W. ADAMS.

New York, January 10, 1856.

Abstract of Parochial Reports.

JANUARY, 1856.

Towns.	Churches.	Rectors.	Baptisms.			Communicants.			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sunday Scholars.	Contributions for religious purposes.
			Infants.	Adults.	Total.	Added.	Died, or removed.	Present Number.					
Amesbury	St. James's	R. F. Chase	5	9	7	3	3	36	4	2	2	46	943
	Christ	S. Fuller, D. D.	12	....	12	13	8	85	7	4	18	79	339
	St. John's†	C. Cleveland	6	3	9	....	3	22	2	8	13	20	328
	Trinity	M. Eastburn, D. D.	14	....	14	....	....	360	13	21	23	107	6636
	Christ	J. Cotton Smith	61	....	61	27	13	106	16	37	27	146	450
	St. Matthew's	J. H. Clinch	38	8	46	24	16	71	11	15	39	110	136
	St. Paul's	A. H. Vinton, D. D.	19	6	25	40	....	322	35	15	7	125	7576
	Grace	C. Mason	18	2	20	35	36	207	25	8	7	130	1489
	Messiah	G. M. Randall	12	5	24	45	33	258	15	28	24	240	834
	St. John's	J. Irwin	13	....	13	....	....	44	4	12	15	30	117
Boston	Advent	H. Southgate, D. D.	59	12	71	60	24	408	....	20	23	174	9620
	St. Mark's	M. P. Stuckney	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	St. Mark's	A. L. Baury	4	....	4	13	3	34	2	....	3	41	206
	St. Stephen's	E. A. Renouf	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	St. Stephen's	E. M. P. Wells, D. D.	90	....	90	....	....	175	20	44	39	81	875
	Seaman's Chapel	* Vacant	....	....	....	....	....	124	....	....	....	....	....
	St. Mary's	J. P. Robinson	11	2	13	....	....	27	25	7	35	....	....
	Trinity	Asa Eaton, D. D.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	St. Paul's	J. S. Stone, D. D.	6	2	8	5	11	70	7	5	4	60	2000
	Christ	N. Hoppin	23	1	24	21	11	140	12	7	9	140	409
Cambridge	St. Peter's	W. P. Page	20	....	20	....	....	45	....	4	15	60	....
	St. John's	T. E. Lambert	22	3	31	....	....	108	....	....	27	140	128
	St. Luke's	W. S. Bartlett	8	....	8	9	5	63	2	6	9	55	69
	Grace	W. H. Munroe	11	1	12	2	4	39	5	2	2	40	54
	Christ*	J. H. Rouse	....	....	....	....	....	140	....	....	....	....	....
	St. Paul's	S. B. Babcock	....	....	....	15	14	119	7	3	8	75	363
	St. Mary's	E. L. Drown	13	3	16	....	....	50	7	3	7	40	473
	Ascension	E. M. Porter	25	3	28	28	7	90	22	12	20	175	68
	St. James's	G. L. Platt	43	....	43	....	....	134	18	6	19	75	....
	St. James's	W. Flint	8	....	8	....	....	170	....	1	3	140	....
Greenfield	St. Andrew's	S. Cutler	6	5	11	15	4	108	12	7	13	53	270
	St. Paul's	A. L. Baury	3	....	3	10	7	26	9	....	2	....	15
	St. Luke's	S. B. Shaw	5	6	11	5	3	68	6	....	9	60	779
	Grace	G. Packard	31	1	32	21	23	103	7	10	22	104	1196
	Trinity	W. H. Brooks	....	....	....	7	3	18	....	1	1	16	135
	St. Anne's	T. Edson, D. D.	79	1	80	32	18	355	37	34	53	250	561
	St. Stephen's	I. W. Hallam	5	....	5	....	....	48	4	3	12	48	105
	St. Michael's	J. B. Richmond	13	1	14	....	....	76	3	4	7	75	834
	Grace	J. Field	3	....	3	8	8	45	....	1	....	....	53
	St. John's	A. B. Goodrich	12	4	16	17	6	70	10	5	3	50	170
Hillsdale	St. Paul's	C. H. Canfield	....	....	....	....	....	33	....	....	....	14	3
	Grace	S. M. Rice	33	16	49	46	....	110	32	5	10	75	181
	St. Paul's	W. Horton	20	1	21	10	6	104	6	6	19	160	509
	St. Andrew's*	Vacant	....	....	....	....	....	110	....	....	....	....	....
	St. Mary's	A. Crosswell	8	2	10	17	8	144	10	1	15	100	160
	Grace	....	....	1	1	7	....	36	5	....	1	45	90
	St. John's	J. P. Hubbard	....	....	....	....	....	70	2	8	4	40	3232
	St. Paul's*	Vacant	....	....	....	....	....	127	....	....	....	....	....
	Trinity	J. S. Townsend	....	....	....	....	....	70	12	5	7	90	128
	Christ*	Vacant	....	....	....	....	....	127	....	....	....	....	....
Lynn	St. Stephen's	R. J. Parvin	9	1	10	4	9	95	4	6	3	60	420
	Christ*	G. M. Bradley	....	....	....	....	....	143	....	....	....	....	....
	St. James's	J. Wayland, D. D.	....	....	....	....	....	121	5	5	3	70	363
	St. John's	C. F. McRae	9	1	10	9	9	71	4	....	4	50	408
	St. Peter's	G. Leeds	25	5	30	18	8	252	14	5	20	125	1401
	Christ	W. S. Child	22	7	29	15	18	187	10	11	14	128	2481
	St. Paul's	L. Green	3	....	3	....	....	46	2	....	1	18	28
	Christ*	....	....	....	....	....	....	112	....	....	....	....	....
	St. Thomas's	E. Anthon	28	4	32	23	4	147	10	4	5	260	358
	Trinity	L. Green	1	1	2	1	2	28	....	2	4	31	37
Waltham	Christ	T. F. Fales	13	1	14	12	14	70	3	4	9	40	669
	St. John's	B. H. Chase	16	2	18	5	6	71	4	4	8	60	70
	Messiah	T. B. Flower	....	....	....	....	....	7	3	1	2	22	163
	All Saints'	A. M. Morrison	11	....	11	10	14	79	....	4	3	35	218
	....	J. T. Burrill	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....

			952	120	1072	650	365	6927	477	407	661	4350	47204

*No Report.

† Number last reported.

‡ Report for two years.

Church

The Rev. _____ **Rector.**

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N. B. It is expected that the clergyman will make such observations as to give a comprehensive view of the state of his parish and of his ministerial services during the past year.

Dr. BOARD OF MISSIONS TO SEAMEN in account current with B. C. CLARK, Treasurer. Cr.

1855.			1855.		
Feb. 2.	To balance due Treasurer.....	\$795 91	Mar. 20	By St. Peter's Church, Salem.....	\$ 47 55
	" " Cash paid Rev. C. Wiltberger.....	65 00	Apr. 2.	By St. Paul's Church, Boston.....	46 88
	" " " Rent of Chapel nine months, to Nov. 1, 1855.....	300 00		By St. Stephen's Chapel.....	3 00
	" " " Sexton, to Dec. 10.....	65 00		Ladies' Missionary Society, St. Paul's, Dedham.....	31 00
	" " " Organist.....	51 00		By St. Stephen's Sunday School.....	3 37
	" " " Fuel and Light.....	37 25		By St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.....	10 00
	" " " Sundries per book.....	35 95	1856.	By Individuals, per book.....	543 00
			Jan. 14	By Balance.....	685 31
1856.					
Jan. 14.	To balance.....	\$1350 11			\$1350 11
		\$665 31			

Boston, Feb. 2, 1856
 (Errors Excepted.)
 B. C. CLARK, Treasurer.

The Treasurer herewith submits his account for the past year. It will be seen that the indebtedness of the Board amounts to \$665 31, being less by about \$200 than the balance of the previous year, and very much less than the average debt of the Mission since the period of its existence. This improvement in the finances of the Mission has not been effected by any very extensive appeals to the Church in general, but by the voluntary, cheering, contributions of a few members, and by the generous responses of other friends of various classes, and of different religious denominations.

The Treasurer's opportunities for personal observation in regard to the course of the Mission have been numerous, and he deems it his duty to commend the Mission to the Convention, as eminently worthy of their fostering care and practical kindness.

As a member of the Board, the Treasurer feels that he would be false to his professions in regard to this work if he were silent in relation to the able, appropriate, earnest, and affectionate appeals for the cause of Christ which have marked the ministrations of the Rev. Jno. Irwin, who since the departure of the much loved and deeply lamented Christian Wiltberger, has borne the "heat and burden of the day."

Most respectfully,
 B. C. CLARK, Treasurer, B. M. to Seamen.

Boston, January 14, 1856.

DR. EPISCOPAL CLERICAL FUND ASSOCIATION in account with J. W. CLARK, *Treasurer*. CR.

1855.			1855.		
Sept. 4.	To paid Mrs. Wiltberger per order Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn,.....	\$150 00	Feb. 5.	By balance per report rendered,....	\$14 23
1856.			April 1.	By coupons on \$200 San Francisco bonds, \$10, less expense for collecting, 50 cts.,.....	9 50
Jan. 25.	To paid Rev. Shipley W. Willson per order Rev. J. H. Clinch,.....	100 00	Sept. 6.	By \$200 San Francisco bonds, sold at par,....	200 00
				Balance,.....	26 27
1856.					
Jan. 26.	To balance,.....	\$250 00			
Boston, Jan. 26, 1856.		\$26 27			

JOSEPH W. CLARK, *Treasurer*.

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DR. SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF WIDOWS AND ORPHANS

1855.		
Mch. 7.	To amount of Wm. A. Hall's bill for printing receipts,.....	\$ 2 00
	To amount paid for two shares in Massachusetts Bank, Boston,	511 25
1856.	To amount paid for five shares in the National Bank, Boston,	505 00
Jan. 16.	To amount to be invested,.....	601 99
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		\$1620 24

Boston, Jan. 17, 1856.

(Errors Excepted.)

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in account with ALFRED L. BAURY, Treasurer.

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1865.			
Jan. 10.	By amount of uninvested capital,.....	561 84	
Mch. 4.	From E. M. F. Wells, D. D., St. Stephen's, Boston,.....	5 00	
17.	From Rev. Dr. Eaton, Boston, for membership, \$1; annual subscription, \$10,.....	11 00	
19.	From All Saints' Church, Worcester, Rev. A. M. Morrison, Rector,.....	10 00	
20.	From Church of the Messiah, Rev. G. M. Randall, Rector,....	80 00	
"	From St. John's Church, East Boston, Rev. J. Irwin, Rector,....	6 00	
"	From St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield, Rev. R. J. Parvin, Rector,.....	15 00	
28.	From St. John's Church, Northampton, Rev. J. P. Hubbard, Rector,.....	12 71	
April 9.	From St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville, Rev. B. H. Chase, Rector,.....	5 00	
12.	From Christ Church, Boston, Rev. W. T. Smithett, Rector,....	10 00	
18.	From St. Andrew's Church, Hanover, Rev. S. Cutler, Rector,....	20 00	
20.	From Christ Church, Waltham, Rev. T. F. Fales, Rector,.....	42 87	
May 7.	From St. Matthew's Church, South Boston, Rev. J. H. Clinch, Rector,.....	10 00	
26.	From Rev. G. Packard, Rector of Grace Church, Lawrence,....	25 00	
28.	From St. Peter's Church, Salem, Rev. G. Leeds, Rector,.....	50 00	
29.	From Christ Church, Andover, Rev. S. Fuller, D. D., Rector,....	12 65	
"	By April div. on four shares Massachusetts Bank, Boston,....	82 00	
"	By " " fifteen " Bank of North America, Boston,....	52 50	
"	By " " eleven " Granite Bank, Boston,.....	38 50	
"	By " " thirteen " Traders Bank, " ".....	52 00	
"	By " " ten " Webster Bank, " ".....	35 00	
Dec. 20.	From St. Paul's Church, Brookline, Rev. J. S. Stone, D. D., Rector,.....	50 00	
1866.			
Jan. 2.	From the ladies of St. John's Church, Jamaica Plains, Rev. C. F. McRae, Rector,.....	25 00	
5.	From Church of the Advent, by H. F. Stimpson, Esq., Rt. Rev. Horatio Southgate, D. D., Rector,.....	69 71	
10.	By October div. on ten shares Webster Bank, Boston,.....	35 00	
"	By " " four " Massachusetts Bank, Boston,....	32 00	
"	By " " fifteen " Bank of North America, Boston,....	60 00	
"	By " " eleven " Granite Bank, Boston,.....	38 50	
"	By " " thirteen " Traders " ".....	52 00	
15.	By amount of annual subscription for membership, Rev. E. A. Renouf, Boston,.....	1 00	
16.	From St. Mary's Church, Dorchester, Rev. E. L. Drown, Rector,....	25 12	
"	By amount collected at the Offertory, Convention day,.....	201 84	
		<u>\$1620 24</u>	

ALFRED L. BAURY, Treasurer.

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DR. CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS

1856.					
Jan. 17.	Paid travelling expenses of				
"	"	"	Rev. Lewis Green,.....	\$10 00	
"	"	"	Rev. S. B. Shaw,.....	10 00	
"	"	"	Rev. J. S. Townsend,.....	3 00	
"	"	"	Rev. W. H. Brooks,.....	9 00	
"	"	"	Rev. B. H. Chase,	2 75	
"	"	"	Rev. T. B. Flower,.....	5 00	
"	"	"	Rev. Wm. S. Child,.....	5 00	
"	"	"	Rev. C. Cleveland,.....	10 00	
"	"	"	Rev. C. H. Canfield,.....	7 00	
"	"	"	Rev. Wm. H. Munroe,.....	7 00	
"	"	Mr. Richard Dillon, services, &c.,.....	6 00		
18.	"	Cox & Hutchins, Blanks,.....	3 00		
21.	"	Collection expenses,.....	50		
"	"	James B. Dow, in full, 1855,.....	68 00		
"	"	J. M. Brown, Esq., in full,.....	50 00		
Feb. 13.	Balance on hand,.....		296 14		
					\$492 39

The delinquent Parishes the Treasurer is *obliged* to report.

IN ARREARS, 1852.

St. James's, Amesbury		St. Stephen's, Lynn
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IN ARREARS, 1853.

St. James's, Amesbury		St. Stephen's, Lynn
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IN ARREARS, 1854.

St. James's, Amesbury		St. Stephen's, Lynn
Christ, Clappville		St. Mark's, Boston
Grace, New Bedford	|	St. Andrew's, New Boston
St. Paul's, Hopkinton	|	Christ, Plymouth
St. Paul's, Nantucket	|	St. Paul's, Otis

IN ARREARS, 1855.

St. James's, Amesbury	|	St. Stephen's, Lynn
St. John's, Ashfield	|	Grace, New Bedford
St. Paul's, Nantucket	|	St. Paul's, Hopkinton
St. Mark's, Boston	|	St. Andrew's, New Boston

IN ARREARS 1856.

St. James's, Amesbury	|	St. Stephen's, Lynn
St. John's, Ashfield	|	Christ, Boston
St. John's, Boston	|	Trinity, Bridgewater
St. Mark's, Boston	|	Christ, Clappville
Grace, Chicopee		St. Paul's, Otis
St. Paul's, Hopkinton		Messiah, Wood's Hole
Trinity, Pawtucket		

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in account with S. B. BABCOCK, Treasurer.

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1856.		
Jan. 16	Cash on hand,.....	\$10 39
"	St. Peter's Church, Salem,.....	15 00
"	St. Luke's Church, Chelsea,.....	3 00
"	Trinity Church, Lenox,.....	8 00
"	Christ Church, Springfield,.....	10 00
"	Trinity Church, Vandeusenville,.....	2 25
"	Ascension Church, Fall River,.....	6 00
"	All-Saints' Church, Worcester,.....	5 00
"	St. James's Church, Greenfield,.....	10 00
"	St. Michael's Church, Marblehead,.....	20 00
"	St. Paul's Church, Nantucket,.....	2 00
"	St. Luke's Church, Lanesboro,.....	5 00
"	St. John's Church, Charlestown,.....	10 00
"	Christ Church, Swansea,.....	2 50
"	St. Andrew's Church, Hanover,.....	6 00
"	St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain,.....	10 00
"	St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport,.....	5 00
"	Grace Church, Lawrence,.....	8 00
"	St. John's Church, Millville,.....	8 00
"	Christ Church, Andover,.....	10 00
"	St. John's Church, Wilkinsons ville,.....	11 50
"	Christ Church, Waltham,.....	7 50
"	Grace Church, Boston,.....	15 00
"	St. Paul's Church, Boston,.....	35 00
"	St. Mary's Church, Dorchester,.....	10 00
"	St. Paul's Church, Newburyport,.....	8 00
"	Church of the Advent, Boston,.....	50 00
"	Grace Church, New Bedford,.....	14 25
"	St. John's Church, Northampton,.....	5 00
"	St. Mary's, Church, Newton, Lower Falls,.....	6 00
"	Trinity Church, Boston,.....	30 00
"	St. James's Church, Roxbury,.....	10 00
"	St. Paul's Church, Brookline,.....	20 00
28	St. Thomas's Church, Taunton,.....	25 00
"	St. Paul's Church, Dedham,.....	10 00
Feb. 1.	St. Anne's Church, Lowell,.....	14 00
4.	St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield,.....	10 00
5.	Christ Church, Cambridge,.....	10 00
9.	Christ Church, Quincy,.....	5 00
"	St. Matthew's Church, South Boston,.....	10 00
"	St. James's Church, Great Barrington,.....	12 00
11.	St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge,.....	3 00
13.	Church of the Messiah, Boston,.....	15 00
		<hr/> \$492 39

SAMUEL B. BABCOCK, Treasurer.

Feb. 13, 1856.

Dr. MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MISSIONS

1856.	For cash paid for appropriations, from July 1, 1855, to January 1, 1856, viz.:	
	St. John's, East Boston,.....	\$300 00
	Trinity, Pawtucket,.....	75 00
	St. Paul's, Nantucket,.....	101 50
	Messiah, Wood's Hole,.....	150 00
	St. Paul's, Otis,.....	100 00
	Trinity, Vandeusenville,.....	112 50
	St. Paul's, Cambridgeport,.....	75 00
	St. Luke's, Chelsea,.....	75 00
	Grace, Chicopee,.....	150 00
	Rev. R. J. Parvin, for expenses, &c.,.....	5 00
	Expenses for annual sermon, &c.,.....	23 00
	Postage, stationery, discount, &c.,.....	2 32
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		\$1169 32
	EASTERN DISTRICT.	
1856.		
Jan.	To amount paid Rev. William C. Brown, Missionary at Haverhill,.....	\$344 00
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		\$344 00
	SOUTHERN DISTRICT.	
1856.		
Jan.	To amount paid in aid of Missionary services at Sandwich,.....	\$284 51

Jan. 1856.

(Errors Excepted.)

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in account with GEORGE M. RANDALL, *Treasurer.* CR.

1855. July. 1856. Jan.	By cash received of J. B. Dow, Treasurer,.....	\$135 35
	By cash received, from July 1, 1855, to January 22, 1856, from sundry parishes, subject to the appropriation of the Board,.....	964 92
	By balance to new account,.....	69 05
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		\$1169 32
	EASTERN DISTRICT.	
1855. July. 1856. Jan.	By amount received of J. B. Dow, Treasurer,...	100 00
	By amount received from sundry sources,.....	228 12
	By balance carried to new account,.....	15 88
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		\$344 00
	SOUTHERN DISTRICT.	
1856. Jan.	By amount received from sundry sources,.....	\$284 51
	<i>Recapitulation.</i>	
	Amount received by J. B. Dow, from January to July, 1855,.....	524 41
	Amount received by present Treasurer, from July, 1855, to January, 1856,.....	964 92
	Amount received by present Treasurer, during same period, for Southern Missionary Association,.....	284 51
	Amount received by J. B. Dow, Treasurer, for Eastern District Missionary Association, \$100 less \$88, from old account,.....	12 00
	Amount received by present Treasurer, for Eastern District Missionary Association,.....	228 12
	Amount, less bal. on hand from last year, \$88 00.	<hr/>
		\$2013 96

GEORGE M. RANDALL, *Treasurer.*

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS,
Received by the Treasurer of the Board of Missions.

From whom received.	Diocesan.	Domestic.	Foreign.	Special.	Total.
<i>Andover</i> — Christ Church, -	\$17 08	..	..	..	17 08
<i>Amesbury</i> — St. James's, -	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Ashfield</i> — St. John's, -	8 79	..	..	..	8 79
<i>Blandford</i> — St. Mark's, -	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Boston</i> — Advent, -	..	..	..	..	..
" — Christ, -	25 00	18 00	45 00	37 00	125 00
" — Grace, -	140 00	105 35	200 00	84 00	529 35
" — St. John's, -	19 27	8 35	19 06	16 00	62 68
" — St. Matthew's, -	..	..	..	10 00	10 00
" — St. Mark's, -	..	..	..	..	..
" — St. Mary's, -	..	..	..	..	..
" — Messiah, -	19 40	78 00	40 00	196 00	333 40
" — St. Paul's, -	314 17	345 00	1330 00	640 88	2630 05
" — St. Stephen's, -	..	..	..	..	..
" — Trinity, -	477 64	132 00	368 27	90 76	1068 67
<i>Bridgewater</i> — Trinity, -	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Brookline</i> — St. Paul's, -	..	..	..	175 00	175 00
<i>Chicopee</i> — Grace, -	11 07	..	..	..	11 07
<i>Cambridge</i> — Christ, -	..	36 00	80 00	40 00	156 00
<i>Cambridgeport</i> — St. Peter's, -	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Charlestown</i> — St. John's, -	6 00	..	..	..	6 00
<i>Chelsea</i> — St. Luke's, -	15 00	..	..	..	15 00
<i>Clappville</i> — Christ, -	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Dedham</i> — St. Paul's, -	33 08	..	..	151 16	184 24
<i>Dorchester</i> — St. Mary's, -	..	33 00	10 00	25 00	68 00
<i>Fall River</i> — Ascension, -	13 11	3 65	..	10 00	26 76
<i>Great Barrington</i> — St. James's, -	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Greenfield</i> — St. James's, -	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Hanover</i> — St. Andrew's, -	18 92	..	38 00	20 00	76 92
<i>Hopkinton</i> — St. Paul's, -	5 10	5 10	5 10	..	15 30
<i>Jamaica Plain</i> — St. John's, -	27 84	100 00	100 00	50 00	277 84
<i>Lanesboro'</i> — St. Luke's, -	10 00	3 00	2 00	..	15 00
<i>Lawrence</i> — Grace, -	..	..	..	35 00	35 00
<i>Lenox</i> — Trinity, -	10 00	10 50	22 00	..	42 50
<i>Lowell</i> — St. Anne's, -	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Lynn</i> — St. Stephen's, -	..	..	13 00	..	13 00
<i>Marblehead</i> — St. Michael's, -	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Marshfield</i> — Trinity, -	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Medford</i> — Grace, -	5 00	17 00	16 00	10 00	48 00
<i>Milville</i> — St. John's, -	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Nantucket</i> — St. Paul's, -	..	..	..	..	..
<i>New Bedford</i> — Grace, -	12 00	..	..	15 00	27 00
<i>Newburyport</i> — St. Paul's, -	..	16 51	20 00	..	36 51
<i>New Boston</i> — St. Andrew's, -	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Newton L. Falls</i> — St. Mary's, -	18 00	..	47 00	..	65 00
<i>Northampton</i> — St. John's, -	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Otis</i> — St. Paul's, -	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Pawtucket</i> — Trinity, -	9 69	2 60	..	..	12 29
<i>Plymouth</i> — Christ, -	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Pittsfield</i> — St. Stephen's, -	22 00	..	92 00	..	114 00
<i>Quincy</i> — Christ, -	..	..	28 34	13 35	41 69
<i>Roxbury</i> — St. James's, -	12 00	37 69	81 5	49 00	180 19
<i>Salem</i> — St. Peter's, -	100 00	70 00	155 00	32 62	357 62
<i>Springfield</i> — Christ, -	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Stockbridge</i> — St. Paul's, -	8 30	..	..	..	8 30
<i>Swaensea</i> — Christ, -	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Sandwich</i> — St. John's, -	11 00	..	..	..	11 00
<i>Taunton</i> — St. Thomas's, -	..	..	..	33 10	33 10
<i>Vandusenville</i> — Trinity, -	10 26	..	..	..	10 26
<i>Waltham</i> — Christ, -	67 00	..	87 75	162 51	317 26
<i>Wilkinsonville</i> — St. John's, -	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Wood's Hole</i> — Messiah, -	32 60	30 00	25 60	..	88 20
<i>Worcester</i> — All Saints', -	10 00	..	..	..	10 00
From other sources, -	..	2 00	53 92	3 00	57 92
	\$1489 33	1053 75	2807 54	1899 38	7249 09

Dr. MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MISSIONS, in account with JAMES B. DOW, Treasurer. Cr.

1855. July.		1855. Jan.	
For Cash paid for appropriations from January to April 1st:		By balance on hand from old account,.....	\$60 94
Rev. Charles R. Fisher,.....	\$50 00	By cash received, from January 29, to July 1, subject to the appropriation of the Board, from sundry Parishes.....	\$24 41
St. John's, East Boston,.....	100 00		
St. Paul's, Ota,.....	25 00		
Grace, Chicopee,.....	50 00		
St. Paul's, Nantucket,.....	37 50		
St. Paul's, Cambridgeport,.....	25 00		
St. Luke's, Chelsea,.....	25 00		
Church of the Ascension, Fall River,...	18 75		
Trinity, Vandeusenville,.....	25 00		
St. Paul's, Stockbridge,.....	18 75		
Church of the Messiah, Wood's Hole,	50 00		
Trinity, Pawtucket,.....	25 00		
	\$450 00		
Bal. pd. to G. M. Randall, new Treasurer,	135 35		
	\$585 35		\$585 35
1855. July.		1855. Jan.	
By balance on hand from old account,.....		By balance on hand from old account,.....	88 00
To cash pd. G. M. Randall, new Treasurer,	100 00	Cash rec'd from St. Peter's Church, Salem,	12 00
			\$100 00

Boston, Jan., 1856.

(Errors Excepted.)

Constitution
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE
DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
AS AMENDED
IN CONVENTION, JUNE, 1841, 1846, MAY, 1852, AND JAN. 1856.

ARTICLE I.

THIS Church, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, accedes to the General Constitution of that Church, and acknowledges its authority.

ARTICLE II.

There shall be a stated Convention of the Church in this Diocese, at Boston, on the second Wednesday in June, in every year, unless a different time and place be fixed on by a preceding Convention. Special meetings of the Convention shall be called by the Bishop, when, in his judgment, the good of the Church may require it, or when the Standing Committee shall request it. And when the Episcopal Chair is vacant, the Standing Committee shall have power to call such Convention. Provided, always, that no business shall be done at any special Convention, other than is specified in the notice calling such Convention.

ARTICLE III.

The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen.

The Bishop and the assistant Bishop, when there is one, shall have a seat and a vote in the Convention. Every other clergy-

man of the Church of whatever order, being a settled minister, or regularly officiating in some parish within this Diocese; or being a President, Professor, Tutor or Instructor in some College or Seminary of learning, and performing clerical functions; or being a Missionary under the direction of the ecclesiastical authority of this Diocese, or a Chaplain in the army or navy of the United States, or in any benevolent or other public institution, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, if he have been actually as well as canonically resident within this Diocese, for the space of six calendar months next before the meeting of the Convention, and has, for the same period, been employed in performing the duties of his station, or have been canonically instituted. Provided, however, that no clergyman otherwise entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, shall, by reason of advanced years, or infirm health, or temporary absence, be divested of such privilege.

Every parish in this Diocese, in union with this Convention, shall be entitled to send to the Convention a lay delegate, or delegates, not exceeding three, a certificate of whose appointment, signed by the Wardens or Parish Clerk, shall, before his or their admission to a seat, be laid before the Convention. Provided, that no person shall be competent to serve as a lay delegate unless he be a stated worshipper in the parish which he represents. The delegation from each parish shall be entitled on a division, by orders, to but one vote.

ARTICLE IV.

New parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention, on motion, by a majority of votes, provided they shall have laid before the Convention written evidence, subscribed by the Wardens and Vestry, that they have been duly organized for the space of one year, and during that time have held regular public services, and accede to the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

ARTICLE V.

The Bishop of this Diocese shall preside in the Convention.

But in case of vacancy, or necessary absence, the members shall elect a president from among the clergy.

ARTICLE VI.

A Secretary shall be chosen upon the assembling of the Annual Convention, from among the members thereof, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Convention.

ARTICLE VII.

The members of the Convention present on due notification, and duly organized, shall constitute a quorum to transact the ordinary business of the Convention. The clergy and lay delegates shall deliberate as one body, and vote as such, except when a division is called for by three clerical members, or by the lay delegations from three parishes represented in the Convention ; in which case a concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to carry any measure. All elections shall be by ballot, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

ARTICLE VIII.

There shall be a Standing Committee, to consist of six members ; three clergymen and three laymen. They shall keep regular minutes of their proceedings, and shall report the same annually to the Convention. A majority shall be a quorum.

ARTICLE IX.

This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any article, except at the annual meeting of the Convention ; nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed at least one annual meeting previous to its adoption.

Canon of 1828,

AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1849.

Respecting Contingent Expenses.

It shall be the duty of every parish in this State, after the first day of January, 1829, to raise and send to the Treasurer of the Convention, to defray the contingent expenses of the Church in this State, a sum of money annually, which shall be as much as *one per centum* on the salary of its minister; and those parishes which are destitute of a clergyman, and which are represented by lay delegates in the Convention, shall pay at least five dollars annually, or send a certified copy of a vote that they are unable to pay the same; and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to certify in his annual report what parishes have neglected to comply with the requisitions of this canon. The money thus raised and paid into the treasury of the Convention, shall be subject to appropriation by a majority of the votes of the Standing Committee, or of such committee as shall be appointed by the Convention; and the following appropriations shall always be deemed proper, namely: to pay the travelling expenses of the Bishop of this Convention; to pay the travelling expenses of such clerical members of the Convention as cannot afford to pay the same, not exceeding ten dollars to any clergyman in one year; to pay the travelling expenses of the clerical delegates to the General Triennial Convention, not exceeding twenty-five dollars to each clerical delegate; to pay to the delegates of the Church in this State to the General Convention, such sums as shall enable them to pay the quota assessed on the several Churches in this State by each General Convention, for the contingent expenses thereof; and to pay for publishing the Journals of this Convention, and such other publications as shall be published by order of this Convention; and every parish shall be entitled to five copies, at least, of every publication printed by order of the Convention.

But no clergyman shall be entitled to any appropriation from the Contingent Fund, unless the parish of which he is the minister shall have paid its annual quota of *one per centum*, or send a certified copy of a vote that it is unable to pay the same. Neither shall any parish, thus neglecting to comply with the requisitions of the Canon, receive more than five copies of the Journal.

Canon of 1844.*Respecting the increase of the Episcopal Fund.*

In every parish in this Diocese, a collection shall be annually made on Trinity Sunday, and paid over to the Treasurer of the Trustees of Donations of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Commonwealth, to be added to the permanent fund for the support of the Bishop of this Diocese; and the said Treasurer shall report annually to this Convention, the amount by him received from each parish.

Canons of 1846,

AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1852.

I.

Of proceedings in the case of a Minister, not being a Bishop, accused by public rumor or otherwise of offences for which he may be tried.

SECT. 1. The mode of presentment and trial of a Minister, for any offence for which, by the laws of the General Convention or of this Diocese, he is or may be liable to be tried, shall be as follows :

Information of his offence shall first be given in writing to the Standing Committee, which information, any member of this Church is hereby declared competent to give. The Standing Committee shall thereupon proceed to a preliminary consideration of the case; and in their discretion, if they see fit, may make a formal presentment of the offence to the Bishop.

Such presentment shall be made in writing, addressed to the Bishop, stating the charges made against the accused, with specifications as to time, place, and circumstances; and any of the specifications in said presentment may be amended from time to time by the Judge Advocate, as the Court may order; and in case there shall be no Bishop, or in case the Bishop shall be implicated in the offence, or shall be related to the accused by consanguinity or affinity, the Standing Committee shall then

request the Bishop of some other Diocese to receive the presentment, who, upon the application of the Standing Committee, may proceed in the case, and exercise the same powers as belong, or are granted, to the Bishop of the Diocese.

SECT. 2. Any Minister of this Diocese, not being a Bishop, accused by public rumor or otherwise, of any offence or offences for which he may be tried as aforesaid, may, for himself, request the Standing Committee to institute such examination and inquiry respecting the truth of the charges against him; and, in such case, it shall be the duty of the Standing Committee to institute such examination and inquiry, and to proceed in like manner, as is provided in section first of the Canon.

II.

Of the trial of a Clergyman, not being a Bishop.

SECT. 1. Upon such presentment being made by the Standing Committee, as is provided in the foregoing Canon, the Bishop shall, as soon as may be, cause a copy of such presentment to be served on the accused, and shall also nominate nine Presbyters of the Diocese, entitled to seats in the Convention, and not being parties to the presentment, nor witnesses in the case, and shall cause a list of their names to be served on the accused, who shall, within thirty days after such service, select five of them, and notify their names in writing to the Bishop; and if he shall not give such notification to the Bishop within said thirty days, the Bishop shall then select five, and the Presbyters so selected shall form an Ecclesiastical Court for the trial of the accused.

SECT. 2. The Court, thus constituted, shall meet at such time and place within the Diocese, as the Bishop shall direct, and shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, within the Diocese, as they shall deem necessary; and the Bishop shall cause a written notice of the time and place of the first meeting of the said Court to be served at least thirty days before the time of meeting, on the accused, and also on the Secretary of the Standing Committee.

SECT. 3. If, at the time appointed for the first meeting of the said Court, the whole number of five shall not attend, those who

do attend, may adjourn from time to time ; or being not less than three in number, they shall have the right to proceed, in case they shall see fit, to a hearing and trial of the case ; and their decision, if unanimous, shall be as binding as if the whole Court had been present ; but in case their decision shall not be unanimous, the Bishop shall, at the request of the accused, or of the Standing Committee, order a new trial.

SECT. 4. If a clergyman presented shall confess the truth of the facts alleged in the presentment, the Court shall, in writing, certify the same to the Bishop, and state their opinion as to the sentence that ought to be pronounced ; and it shall be the duty of the Bishop to proceed to pass sentence, in the manner hereinafter provided. And if a clergyman presented as aforesaid, after having had due notice, shall fail or neglect to appear before the Court of Presbyters appointed for his trial, unless prevented by sickness or other sufficient cause, he shall be suspended from the exercise of his clerical functions for the term of six months ; and if during that period, he shall not apply for a trial, he shall then be degraded from the ministry.

SECT. 5. When the Court proceed to the trial, they shall hear such competent evidence as shall be produced, which evidence shall be reduced to writing, and signed by the witnesses respectively ; and some officer authorized by law to administer oaths, may, at the desire of either party, be requested to administer an oath or affirmation to the witnesses. If, on or during the trial, the accused shall confess the truth of the charges as stated in the presentment, the Court may dispense with hearing further evidence, and may proceed at once to state their opinion to the Bishop as to the sentence that ought to be pronounced.

SECT. 6. Upon the application of either party to the Bishop, and it being made satisfactorily to appear to him, that any material witnesses cannot be procured upon the trial, the Bishop may appoint a Commissary to take the testimony of such witnesses. Such Commissary may be either a clergyman or a layman, and the party so applying, shall give to the other at least *six days'* notice of the time and place of taking the testimony. And if the person on whom the notice shall be served, shall reside more

than forty miles from the place of examination, an additional day's notice shall be given for every additional twenty miles of the said distance. And both parties may attend and examine the witness, and the questions and answers shall be reduced to writing and signed by the witness, and shall be certified by the Commissary, and enclosed under his seal, and transmitted to the Court, and shall be received by them as evidence. A witness examined before such Commissary may be sworn or affirmed in manner aforesaid.

SECT. 7. The Court, having deliberately considered the evidence, shall declare in a writing signed by them, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether the accused is guilty or not guilty of such charges respectively, and also stating the sentence which, in their opinion, should be pronounced; and a copy of such decision shall be, without delay, communicated to the accused; and the original decision, together with the evidence, shall be delivered to the Bishop, who shall pronounce such canonical sentence as shall appear to him to be proper, provided the same shall not exceed in severity the sentence recommended by the Court; and such sentence shall be final. Before pronouncing any sentence, the Bishop shall summon the accused, and any three or more Presbyters of the Diocese, to meet him at such time as may in his opinion be most convenient, in some church to be designated by him, which shall for that purpose be open at the time to all persons who may choose to attend; and the sentence shall then and there be publicly pronounced by the Bishop. But the Bishop, if he shall be satisfied that justice requires it, may grant a new trial to the accused, in which case a new Court of Presbyters shall be appointed, the proceedings before whom shall be conducted as before mentioned.

SECT. 8. All citations and notices contemplated in this Canon shall be signed by the Bishop, and may be served by a summoner or summoners, to be appointed for the purpose by the Bishop, and whose certificate of such service shall be evidence thereof. In case of service by any other person, the fact shall be proved by the affidavit of such person. A written citation or notice de-

livered to a party, or left at his last place of residence, shall be deemed a sufficient service of such citation or notice.

SECT. 9. Advocates or Proctors shall be allowed on both sides, at the pleasure of the parties, provided they are clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese, or laymen who have been communicants of some parish of the same, at least two years before the time of trial.

Canon of 1846.

Of Communicants.

Whenever the Bishop shall institute an inquiry on the subject of repelling a person from the Holy Communion, according to the rubrics and the canons of the General Convention, he shall summon a council of two presbyters and two laymen, of which he shall be president, to decide upon the case.

Canon of 1847,

AS AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1848.

Of Elections.

The deputies to the General Convention from this Diocese shall be chosen at the meeting of this Convention holden in each year of the stated meeting of the General Convention; who shall continue in office until the meeting of this Convention, next preceding the stated meeting of the General Convention, on the third year next after their election, and until others shall be chosen in their place.

Any vacancy occurring in the delegation shall be filled at the next ensuing meeting of this Convention; and appointments for the interval may be made by the Standing Committee, at a meeting specially convened for that purpose.

Canon of 1852.***Of the Admission of New Parishes into union with the Convention.***

All applications for the admission of new parishes into union with this Convention shall be received and referred to the Standing Committee. And the said Committee shall examine into the circumstances of the party making the application, to ascertain the number of Episcopalians resident in the place where it is proposed to establish a new parish; what resources they have from the establishment of a neighboring parish already in existence; what the population of the town in which it is proposed to establish such parish may amount to; what may be expected to be its probable increase; what is the number, character, and influence of other Christian denominations in the same place; and what are the resources in possession of the applicants, whereon may be founded a reasonable expectation that they now are, or are likely to become, within a reasonable time, a self-supporting parish; and they shall make report of the same to the next Convention, with their opinion thereon.

EXTRACT FROM THE**Canon of the General Convention of 1853.*****Of the mode of securing an accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time.***

SECTION I. As a full and accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time, is highly useful and necessary, it is hereby ordered that every Minister of this Church, or, if the Parish be vacant, the Wardens, shall present, or cause to be delivered, on or before the first day of every annual Convention, to the Bishop of the Diocese, or, where there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and funerals, and of the number of communicants in his parish or Church, also, the state and condition of the Sunday Schools in his Parish, also of the

amount of the communion alms, the contributions for Missions, diocesan, domestic, and foreign, for parochial schools, for Church purposes in general, and of all other matters that may throw light on the state of the same. And every other Clergyman not regularly settled in any Parish or Church, shall also report the occasional services he may have performed; and, if he have performed no such services, the causes or reasons which have prevented the same. And these reports, or such parts of them as the Bishop shall think fit, may be read in the Convention, and shall be entered on the journals thereof.

Rules of Order.

RULE I. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.

No member shall absent himself from the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house; nor more than once, until others desiring to speak shall have spoken.

While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

Every member who shall be in the house, when any question is put, shall vote, unless he be personally interested in the question, or shall be excused by the Convention for reasons assigned.

RULE II. No motion shall be considered as before the Convention, unless seconded by a member not belonging to the same parish with the mover; and every motion, when required by any member, shall be reduced to writing.

RULE III. When the report of a committee is presented, it shall be read and entered on the minutes, unless otherwise determined by the house; and, if accompanied by resolutions, the question shall be on adopting them.

RULE IV. When a question is before the Convention, it shall be in order—

1. To lay on the table ;
2. To postpone to a day certain ;
3. To commit ;
4. To amend ;
5. To postpone indefinitely ;

and a motion for any one of these proceedings may be considered as having precedence in the order in which they are here named ; and a question on any of these proceedings shall be decided before the original motion.

RULE V. An address or communication from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.

RULE VI. Any member may call for the division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

RULE VII. The question of adjournment shall always be in order ; and that, together with a motion to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.

RULE VIII. When votes by orders are taken, they shall be entered on the minutes.

RULE IX. On all questions of order, the President shall decide, subject to an appeal to the house.

RULE X. A question, being decided, shall not be reconsidered during the same session, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present, nor unless the motion to reconsider be made and seconded by members who voted in the majority on the original decision.

LIST OF THE CLERGY
OF THE
Diocese of Massachusetts.
JANUARY, A. D. 1856.

- The Right Rev. MANTON EASTBURN, D.D., Bishop**
of the Diocese, and Rector of Trinity Church, Boston.
- The Rev. HENRY W. ADAMS,** residing in New York.
- The Rev. ETHAN ALLEN.**
- The Rev. EDWARD ANTHON,** Rector of St. Thomas's
Church, Taunton.
- The Rev. SAMUEL B. BABCOCK,** Rector of St. Paul's
Church, Dedham, and Treasurer of the Convention.
- The Rev. WILLIAM S. BARTLET,** Rector of St. Luke's
Church, Chelsea.
- The Rev. ALFRED L. BAURY,** Rector of St. Paul's Church,
Hopkinton, and Pastor of St. Mark's Church, Bos-
ton, residing at Newton Lower Falls.
- The Rev. NATHANIEL T. BENT,** Principal of a School for
Young Ladies, at Worcester.
- The Rev. JOHN L. BLAKE, D. D.,** residing at Orange, New
Jersey.
- The Rev. GORDON M. BRADLEY,** Rector of Christ Church,
Quincy.
- The Rev. WILLIAM H. BROOKS,** Rector of Trinity Church,
Lenox,
- The Rev. JOHN T. BURRILL,** Chaplain of the House of
Correction, South Boston.

- The Rev. HENRY BURROUGHS, Jr.,** residing in Boston.
- The Rev. CHARLES H. CANFIELD,** Rector of St. Paul's Church, Nantucket.
- The Rev. GEORGE T. CHAPMAN, D. D.,**
- The Rev. BENJAMIN H. CHASE,** Rector of St. John's Church, Wilkinsons ville.
- The Rev. MOSES B. CHASE,** Chaplain in the United States' Navy, residing in Cambridge.
- The Rev. ROBERT F. CHASE,** Rector of St. James's Church, Amesbury.
- The Rev. WILLIAM S. CHILD,** Rector of Christ Church, Springfield.
- The Rev. CHARLES CLEVELAND,** Rector of St. John's Church, Ashfield.
- The Rev. JOSEPH H. CLINCH,** Rector of St. Matthew's Church, South Boston, and Secretary of the Convention.
- The Rev. WILLIAM B. COLBURN,** Rector of Christ Church, Swansea.
- The Rev. ANDREW CROSWELL,** Rector of St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls.
- The Rev. SAMUEL CUTLER,** Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.
- The Rev. LEGH R. DICKINSON.**
- The Rev. EDWARD L. DROWN,** Rector of St. Mary's Church, Dorchester.
- The Rev. ASA EATON, D. D.,** Rector of Trinity Church, Bridgewater, residing in Boston.
- The Rev. THEODORE EDSON, D. D.,** Rector of St. Anne's Church, Lowell.
- The Rev. THOMAS F. FALES,** Rector of Christ Church, Waltham.
- The Rev. JUSTIN FIELD,** Rector of Grace Church, Medford.

- The Rev. WILLIAM FLINT, Rector of St. James's Church, Greenfield.
- The Rev. THOMAS B. FLOWER, Rector of the Church of the Messiah, Wood's Hole.
- The Rev. FRANCIS A. FOXCROFT, residing in Boston.
- The Rev. SAMUEL FULLER, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Andover.
- The Rev. LEWIS GREEN, Rector of Trinity Church, Vandeusenville, and officiating in St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.
- The Rev. J. S. COPLEY GREENE, assisting the Rector of Christ Church, Waltham.
- The Rev. ALFRED B. GOODRICH, Rector of St. John's Church, Millville.
- The Rev. ISAAC W. HALLAM, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Lynn.
- The Rev. DAVID G. HASKINS, Principal of a School for Young Ladies, Boston.
- The Rev. NICHOLAS HOPPIN, Rector of Christ Church, Cambridge.
- The Rev. WILLIAM HORTON, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.
- The Rev. JOHN P. HUBBARD, Rector of St. John's Church, Northampton.
- The Rev. JOHN IRWIN, Rector of St. John's Church, East Boston.
- The Rev. WILLIAM A. JENKS.
- The Rev. THOMAS R. LAMBERT, Chaplain in the United States' Navy, and Rector of St. John's Church, Charlestown.
- The Rev. GEORGE LEEDS, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Salem.
- The Rev. CHARLES MASON, Rector of Grace Church, Boston.

- THE REV. ARCHIBALD M. MORRISON**, Rector of All Saints' Church, Worcester.
- THE REV. WILLIAM H. MUNROE**, Rector of Grace Church, Chicopee.
- THE REV. GEORGE PACKARD**, Rector of Grace Church, Lawrence.
- THE REV. WILLIAM P. PAGE**, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport.
- THE REV. ROBERT J. PARVIN**, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.
- THE REV. GEORGE L. PLATT**, Rector of St. James's Church, Great Barrington.
- THE REV. EMERY M. PORTER**, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Fall River.
- THE REV. GEORGE M. RANDALL**, Rector of the Church of the Messiah, Boston.
- THE REV. EDWARD A. RENOUF**, assisting the Minister of St. Mark's Church, Boston.
- THE REV. SPENCER M. RICE**, Rector of Grace Church, New Bedford.
- THE REV. JAMES C. RICHMOND.**
- THE REV. JOHN B. RICHMOND**, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.
- THE REV. JOHN P. ROBINSON**, Rector of the Free Church of St. Mary for Sailors.
- THE REV. JOHN H. ROUSE**, Rector of Christ Church, Clappville.
- THE REV. SAMUEL BRENTON SHAW**, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough.
- THE REV. GEORGE C. SHEPARD**, D. D.
- THE REV. EDMUND F. SLAFTER**, assistant to the Rector of St. Paul's Church, Boston.
- THE REV. JOHN COTTON SMITH**, assistant Minister of Trinity Church, Boston, on the Greene Foundation.
- THE REV. WILLIAM T. SMITHETT**, Rector of Christ Church, Boston.

- The Rev. THEODORE W. SNOW, agent of the American Sunday School Union, residing at Jamaica Plain.
- The Rev. MOSES P. STICKNEY, officiating in the Church of the Advent, Boston.
- The Rev. JOHN S. STONE, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Brookline.
- The Rev. JULIUS S. TOWNSEND, Rector of Trinity Church, Pawtucket.
- The Rev. ALEXANDER H. VINTON, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Boston.
- The Rev. JOHN WAYLAND, D. D., Rector of St. James's Church, Roxbury.
- The Rev. E. M. P. WELLS, D.D., Minister of St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston.
- The Rev. JOHN WEST.
- The Rev. GEORGE D. WILDES, Principal of an Episcopal School for Young Ladies, Boston.
- The Rev. SHIPLEY WELLS WILLSON, residing in South Boston.
- The Rev. WILLIAM WITHINGTON, Residing in Boston.
- [Total, 77.]

The following Clergymen, though actually, are not canonically, resident in the Diocese.

- The Rt. Rev. HORATIO SOUTHGATE, D. D., Rector of the Church of the Advent, Boston.
- The Rev. W. COLVIN BROWN, Missionary at Haverhill, of the Diocese of Missouri.
- The Rev. FRANCIS BYRNE, of the Diocese of Jamaica, West Indies.
- The Rev. WILLIAM S. SOUTHGATE, assistant Minister of the Church of the Advent, Boston.
- The Rev. WILLIAM M. WILLIAN, Missionary at North Adams, of the Diocese of Maine.

Diocese of Massachusetts.

1856.

The Rt. Rev. MANTON EASTBURN, D. D., Bishop.

Standing Committee.

The Rev. ALEXANDER H. VINTON, D. D.,

“ “ GEORGE M. RANDALL,

“ “ CHARLES MASON,
GEORGE M. DEXTER,
OTIS DANIELL,
WILLIAM APPLETON.

The Rev. JOSEPH H. CLINCH, Secretary of the Convention. Residence, South Boston.

The Rev. SAMUEL B. BABCOCK, Treasurer of the Convention. Residence, Dedham.

Board of Missions.

The Rt. Rev. MANTON EASTBURN, D. D., *ex officio*, President.

The Rev. JOHN WAYLAND, D. D.,

“ “ THOMAS F. FALES,

“ “ JOSEPH H. CLINCH,

“ “ GEORGE M. RANDALL, *Treasurer*,

“ “ WILLIAM HORTON,

“ “ THEODORE W. SNOW,

“ “ CHARLES MASON, *Secretary*,

OTIS DANIELL,

JAMES B. DOW,

GEORGE M. DEXTER,

CHARLES H. PARKER.

Deputies to the General Convention.

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The Sixty-seventh Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Massachusetts, will be holden in Trinity Church, Boston, on the third Wednesday (the 21st) of January, 1857, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

JOSEPH H. CLINCH,

Secretary of the Convention.

South Boston, January, 1856.

Form of Certificate for Lay Delegates.

(Authorized by vote of Convention of 1849.)

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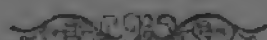
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Messrs. ———, ———,
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were duly elected lay delegates to represent this Parish in the next Diocesan Convention, to be held in ——— Church, in ———, on the ——— day of ———, A. D. 18—, and that they are stated worshippers in this Parish.

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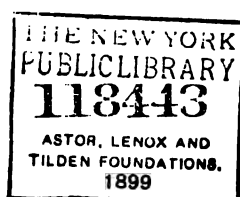
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*Boston, January 21, 1857. }
Trinity Church. }*

THIS being the time and place appointed for the meeting of the annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Massachusetts, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, with several of the Clergy and Lay Delegates, assembled in Trinity Church, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Samuel Fuller, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Andover. The Ante-Communion Service was read by the Bishop, assisted in the Epistle, by the Rev. E. M. P. Wells, D. D., Minister of St. Stephen's Chapel.

The annual Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. William Flint, Rector of St. James's Church, Greenfield, from the text, St. Luke's Gospel, chap. v. verse 5, *And Simon answering, said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night and have taken nothing, nevertheless, at thy word, I will let down the net.*

After which, at the Offertory, which was read by the Rev. E. M. P. Wells, D. D., a collection was made in aid of the funds of the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen of the Diocese. The Holy Communion was then administered to the Clergy, and to several of the Laity, by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. E. M. P. Wells, D. D.

The congregation having retired, the Chair was taken by the Bishop, and the following list of Clergymen entitled to seats in the Convention was called over by the Secretary :—

The Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D.,	
The Rev. S. B. Babcock, The Rev. J. P. Hubbard,	
" Wm. R. Babcock, "	J. Irwin,
" W. S. Bartlet, "	T. R. Lambert,
" A. L. Baury, "	Geo. Leeds,
" <i>G. M. Bradley,</i> "	Charles Mason,
" Wm. H. Brooks, "	<i>A. M. Morrison,</i>
" W. Colvin Brown, "	W. H. Munroe,
" J. T. Burrill, "	<i>G. Packard,</i>
" H. Burroughs, Jr., "	W. P. Page,
" <i>Charles H. Canfield,</i> "	<i>J. A. Penniman,</i>
" <i>G. T. Chapman, D. D.,</i> "	G. L. Platt,
" B. H. Chase, "	<i>E. M. Porter,</i>
" M. B. Chase, "	G. M. Randall, D. D.,
" R. F. Chase, "	E. A. Renouf,
" <i>W. S. Child,</i> "	<i>S. M. Rice,</i>
" <i>C. Cleveland,</i> "	<i>J. B. Richmond,</i>
" J. H. Clinch, "	J. P. Robinson,
" W. B. Colburn, "	<i>J. H. Rouse,</i>
" <i>S. Cutler,</i> "	<i>W. S. Sever,</i>
" E. L. Drown, "	S. B. Shaw,
" A. Eaton, D. D., "	G. C. Shepard, D. D.,
" Theo. Edson, D. D., "	E. F. Slafter,
" T. F. Fales, "	J. Cotton Smith,
" Justin Field, "	W. T. Smithett,
" W. Flint, "	Theo. W. Snow,
" <i>T. B. Flower,</i> "	M. P. Stickney,
" S. Fuller, D. D., "	John S. Stone, D. D.,
" <i>A. B. Goodrich,</i> "	Julius S. Townsend,
" <i>Lewis Green,</i> "	A. H. Vinton, D. D.,
" J. S. Copley Greene, "	J. Wayland, D. D.,
" I. W. Hallam, "	E. M. P. Wells, D. D.,
" D. G. Haskins, "	W. M. Willian,
" N. Hoppin, "	G. D. Wildes,
" Wm. Horton, "	

Who, with the exception of those whose names are printed in *italics*, appeared, and took their seats in the Convention.

The Secretary having called over the names of the Parishes in union with the Convention, the Lay Delegates handed in their certificates of election. The names of the Lay Delegates were then called, the members answering to their names, with the exception of those which appear printed in *italics*.

Trinity Church, Boston. George M. Dexter, Benjamin P. Richardson, John Jeffries, M. D.

Christ Church, Boston.

St. Paul's Church, Boston. Benjamin F. Hallett, George M. Browne, George H. Lyman, M. D.

Grace Church, Boston. Robert M. Mason, Chester Daniell, *Richard Girdler.*

Church of the Messiah, Boston. Robert Codman, J. L. Whipple, S. E. Bond.

Church of the Advent, Boston. R. H. Dana, Jr., F. E. Oliver, *Canston Browne.*

St. Mark's Church, Boston. Henry Burroughs, Francis J. Parker, John E. Rousmaniere.

St. Matthew's Church, South Boston. David Clapp, Samuel S. Jenks, Edward H. Brainard.

St. John's Church, East Boston. William Munroe, Myron Turner, Daniel Byron.

St. Luke's Church, Chelsea. Sebeus C. Maine, Joel Patrick, *Orren E. Downing.*

Christ Church, Cambridge. Charles Little, Charles F. Foster, Henry M. Parker.

St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport.

St. John's Church, Charlestown. Peter Hubbell, J. S. Missroon, Thomas Crozier.

Christ Church, Medford.

St. Anne's Church, Lowell. Harlin Pillsbury, M.D., Cyril French.

St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls. Cassander S. Flagg, Joshua J. Gould, Alpheus Morse.

Christ Church, Waltham. Israel Lombard, G. N. Cheney, Joseph G. Moody.

St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton. Luke Whitney, Joseph Burnett, L. H. Wakefield.

St. Paul's Church, Brookline. James S. Amory, Thomas Parsons, Eliakim Littell.

St. Paul's Church, Dedham. Ira Cleveland, William Ames, Edward S. Rand.

St. Mary's Church, Dorchester. Charles Stimpson, William W. Page, James Jenkins.

Christ Church, Quincy.

St. James's Church, Roxbury. Sanford M. Hunt, Wm. Raymond Lee, Francis Hilliard.

St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain. J. P. Ellicott, Wm. Blake, Johnathan Amory.

St. James's Church, Amesbury. Stephen Webster, James Standing, Wm. C. Binney.

Christ Church, Andover. James Byers, Francis Cogswell, Samuel Lawrence.

Grace Church, Lawrence. John S. Stafford, Andrew D. Blanchard, George A. Gordon.

St. Stephen's Church, Lynn. Edward S. Davis, E. R. Mudge, E. H. Derby.

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport. Nathaniel Foster, Edward S. Moseley, David Wood.

St. Peter's Church, Salem. Stephen B. Ives, Samuel B. Foster, Richard H. Chamberlain.

Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.

Christ Church, Plymouth.

- Church of the Ascension, Fall River.*
Grace Church, New Bedford.
Trinity Church, Pawtucket. Albert Bliss, J. Emerson
 Kent, Samuel G. Bragman.
Christ Church, Swansea.
St. Thomas's Church, Taunton. Samuel L. Crocker,
 Albert Pitts, Wm. Reed, Jr.
Christ Church, Clappville.
St. John's Church, Millville.
St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville. Abraham Chase,
 Henry Dodge, Seth Hartwell.
All Saints' Church, Worcester. Francis H. Dewey,
 Henry K. Newcomb, Thomas Bottomly.
Grace Church, Chicopee.
Christ Church, Springfield.
St. James's Church, Great Barrington. L. G. Robbins,
 Aurelius M. Gilbert.
St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough. Jason Newton, An-
 drew J. Lewis, Edward A. Newton.
Trinity Church, Lenox.
St. Paul's Church, Otis.
St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield. C. B. Platt, S. Squires,
 J. E. Merrill.
St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge. Henry W. Dwight,
 Daniel B. Fenn, Jonathan E. Field.
Trinity Church, Vandeusenville. William J. Van Deu-
 sen, John S. Stone, W. H. Ticknor.
St. Andrew's Church, New Boston.
St. John's Church, Ashfield.
St. James's Church, Greenfield. John L. Tucker, John
 Sawin, Jr., Henry W. Clapp.
St. John's Church, Northampton.
Church of the Messiah, Wood's Hole.
St. Paul's Church, Nantucket.

A quorum being present, the Convention proceeded to business.

The first business in order being the election of a Secretary, it was,

On motion,

Resolved, That in the election of Secretary balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. Joseph H. Clinch, the former Secretary, be re-elected.

On motion,

Resolved, That in the election of Treasurer, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. Samuel B. Babcock, the former Treasurer, be re-elected.

On motion,

Resolved, That Clergymen of this Church, not entitled to seats in the Convention, and Candidates for Holy Orders, be invited to be present at the sittings of this body.

Whereupon, the following appeared, and took seats in the Convention :

Rev. Benj. B. Babbitt, of the Diocese of Rhode Island.

“ Heman Dyer, D. D., Secretary of

the E. K. Society,

New York.

“ Edmund Neville, D. D.,

Massachusetts.

“ William Withington,

“

“ Francis Byrne,

Jamaica, W. I.

B. F. De Costa, Candidate for Orders,

New Hampshire.

Reginald Heber Chase, “ “

Massachusetts.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rules of Order adopted by the last Convention be adopted for the government of this body.

On motion,

Resolved, That the usual Committees be appointed by the Chair.

The following Committees were then appointed by the Chair :

Committee on Qualifications. Rev. Sam'l Fuller, D. D., Rev. William R. Babcock, Benjamin P. Richardson.

Committee on New Parishes. Rev. Charles Mason, Rev. George D. Wildes, S. C. Maine.

Committee on Finance. Rev. Geo. Leeds, W. Raymond Lee, Eliakim Littell.

Executive Committee. Rev. Theodore W. Snow, Rev. William Horton, Rev. Nicholas Hoppin.

Committee on Unfinished Business. Rev. Asa Eaton, D. D., Francis Hilliard.

On motion,

Resolved, That to-morrow at 10 o'clock, the reception of Reports be the order of the day, and at 11 o'clock, the election of Officers of the Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the amendment to Article III. of the Constitution, printed on 39th page of Journal of 1856, be made the order of the day to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

On motion,

Resolved, That when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet at this place at 4 o'clock, this afternoon.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now adjourn.

Adjourned.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of the morning Session were read and approved.

Some additional Certificates of Lay Delegates were handed in and read, and referred to the Committee on Qualifications.

The Bishop then delivered his

Annual Address :

MY BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY :—

On this annual occasion of meeting together, for the promotion of the interests of our branch of the Redeemer's Church, let us bless God for that preserving mercy which still keeps us in the land of the living.

My first official act, after the close of our last Convention, was on the Third Sunday in Lent, February 24; on the morning of which day, in Christ Church, Waltham, I admitted to Priest's Orders the Rev. J. S. Copley Greene, Deacon. A large congregation witnessed the solemnities of the occasion; including many persons from Newton Corner, where, immediately after his ordination, Mr. Greene began to officiate as the Minister of Grace Church. The Rev. Messrs. Fales and Slafter united with me in the imposition of hands.

In the evening of the same day, I preached at Newton Corner, in the temporary place of worship occupied by the congregation of Grace Church.

On the Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 9, I confirmed 6 in the morning in Trinity Church, Boston; making, with 3 hereafter to be mentioned, 9 as the whole number for the year.

On Wednesday, March 12, I confirmed 18 in the evening in St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston.

On the Sunday next before Easter, March 16, I confirmed 23 in the afternoon, and catechized the children, in St. Paul's, Boston; and

In the evening of the same day, confirmed 9 in the Church of the Messiah, Boston. I take this opportunity of mentioning,

and I do so with great satisfaction, that this parish has just completed the building of a substantial edifice of brick, erected for the twofold purpose of accommodating the Sunday School, and of holding week-day services therein. This commodious room, which adjoins the church, was opened on the evening of the first day of the present year; and reflects great credit upon the zeal of the parishioners. Its cost was about \$3000.

On Wednesday before Easter, March 19, at an Ordination held in St. James's, Roxbury, I admitted to Deacon's Orders Mr. Winslow W. Sever, a Candidate for Orders of this Diocese. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Samuel Cutler, Rector of St. Andrew's, Hanover. Mr. Sever has been officiating, since his ordination, as the Minister of St. John's, Sandwich.

On the evening of Easter Day, March 23, I confirmed 9 in Christ Church, Boston.

On Thursday, March 27, at an Ordination held in St. Thomas's Church, Taunton, I admitted to Priest's Orders the Rev. Edward Anthon, Deacon, Rector of the Parish. The interest of this solemn occasion was enhanced by the presence of Mr. Anthon's honored father, the Rev. Henry Anthon, D. D., Rector of St. Mark's, New York, who preached the Sermon; and who also, with the Rev. Messrs. Foxcroft and Rice, of this Diocese, united with me in the imposition of hands.

On the First Sunday after Easter, March 30, I preached in the morning in St. Anne's, Lowell; and in the afternoon confirmed 33, and catechized the children.

On the Fourth Sunday after Easter, April 20, I confirmed 2 in the afternoon in St. Mark's, Boston.

On the Fifth Sunday after Easter, April 27, I confirmed 5 in the afternoon in Christ Church, Cambridge; making, with 4 confirmed, as will be noticed in the proper place, in June last, the number of 9 for the year.

On the Sunday after Ascension Day, May 4, I confirmed 8 in the afternoon in St. Paul's, Brookline; and

In the evening of the same day, confirmed 6 in Grace Church, Boston, including 1 from Trinity Church, Boston.

On Tuesday, May 6, I preached in the afternoon in the place of worship at present used by the congregation of Grace Church, Newton Corner; and in the evening, after addresses on the subject of Missions by the Rev. Messrs. Fales and Irwin, made the concluding remarks to the people. These services, together with others, were on occasion of a meeting of the Eastern District Church Missionary Association.

On Whitsunday, May 11, in St. Peter's, Salem, I confirmed 7 in the morning, and also held a brief examination of the pupils of the Sunday School; and

In the afternoon of the same day, confirmed 5, and catechized the children, in St. Michael's, Marblehead.

On Tuesday in Whitsun-Week, May 13, I confirmed 5 in the evening in St. Paul's, Newburyport.

On the morning of Wednesday, May 14, at an Ordination held in St. James's, Amesbury, I admitted to Priest's Orders the Rev. Robert F. Chase, Deacon, Rector of the Parish; the Rev. Messrs. Horton, Hoppin, and Leeds, uniting with me in the laying on of hands. In the evening I confirmed 6 in the same church.

On Thursday, May 15, I had the gratification of laying the corner stone of Trinity Church, in the beautiful and flourishing town of Haverhill. On this interesting occasion, there was a numerous attendance of clergymen from various parts of the Diocese; and also of lay-members of our Church from the neighboring towns, and from other places. The services took place in the afternoon; and in the evening, after Prayers had been read by the Rev. Mr. Irwin, I preached in one of the Congrega-

tional churches, which had been kindly offered by its Minister for the purpose of affording greater accommodation than could be had in the place of worship, usually occupied by the congregation of Trinity Church.

On Trinity Sunday, May 18, I preached in the morning, and catechized the children, in Trinity Church, Pawtucket; and confirmed 18 in the afternoon.

On Wednesday, May 21, in the afternoon, I catechized the children, and confirmed 6, in Christ Church, Andover.

On Thursday, May 22, I confirmed 8 in the evening in Grace Church, Lawrence.

On the First Sunday after Trinity, May 25, in St. Thomas's, Taunton, I preached, and catechized the children of the parish, in the morning; and confirmed 8 in the afternoon. Shortly after this period, the Rev. Mr. Anthon resigned the Rectorship of St. Thomas's, and removed to the city of New York; where he is now officiating as Assistant Minister of St. Mark's Church. I am happy to record, that this important parish did not long remain without a pastor; Mr. Anthon being soon succeeded by the Rev. Dr. Neville, late Rector of St. Thomas's, New York, who, in removing to Taunton, has returned to scenes endeared by many recollections of his early ministry.

I take this opportunity of saying, that the parishioners of St. Thomas's are preparing to build, in place of their present place of worship, a costly stone church.

On Wednesday, May 28, in the Church of the Ascension, Fall River, I catechized the children in the afternoon, and confirmed 9 in the evening.

On Thursday, May 29, I catechized the children, and confirmed 1, in the afternoon, in Christ Church, Swansea. The Rev. W. B. Colburn, formerly Rector of St. Paul's, Otis, has

succeeded the Rev. Mr. Withington in the charge of this parish.

On the Second Sunday after Trinity, June 1, I confirmed 26 in the evening in St. John's, Charlestown, including 1 from Trinity Church, Boston.

On Wednesday, June 4, I confirmed 1 in the evening in St. Andrew's, Hanover.

On Thursday, June 5, I preached in the afternoon in Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

On the Third Sunday after Trinity, June 8, I preached in the morning, and catechized the children, in St. James's, Greenfield; and confirmed 1 in the same church in the afternoon. I was pleased to find, on this visit, that the parishioners of St. James's had secured a new and commodious house, to be the future Rectory of the parish.

On Tuesday, June 10, I catechized the children in the afternoon in St. John's, Northampton; and confirmed 4 in the evening.

St. Barnabas the Apostle, Wednesday, June 11, I confirmed 16 in the evening in Christ Church, Springfield.

On Thursday, June 12, I preached in the evening in Grace Church, Chicopee. The Rev. Mr. Munroe, not long before my visit to this parish, resigned the charge of it, and became the Minister of Trinity Church, Melrose; and I am sorry to say that the congregation are now without the ministrations of a resident pastor.

On the Fourth Sunday after Trinity, June 15, I confirmed 18 in the evening in Christ Church, Waltham; 9 of the candidates being parishioners of that church, and the remainder from Christ Church, Cambridge.

On Friday, June 27, in the Chapel of the Theological Semi-

nary of Virginia, the Bishop of that Diocese, at my request, admitted to Deacon's Orders Mr. Lucius W. Bancroft, a Candidate for Orders of this Diocese, and a Student of that Institution. Mr. Bancroft was soon afterwards transferred to the Diocese of Rhode Island, and is now officiating as an Assistant to the Rector of St. John's, Providence.

On the Sixth Sunday after Trinity, June 29, at an Ordination held in the morning in St. Stephen's, Lynn, I admitted to Deacon's Orders Mr. Jesse A. Penniman, a Candidate for Orders of this Diocese, and formerly a Unitarian Minister. In the afternoon, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Smithett, I confirmed in the same church 4 persons. Mr. Penniman, immediately after his ordination, commenced his duties as the minister of St. Paul's, Stockbridge; which parish, since the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Pynchon, had been served by the Rev. Lewis Green in connexion with his own parish of Trinity Church, Vandeusenville.

On the Eighth Sunday after Trinity, July 13, I visited Grace Church, Newton Corner; catechizing the children in the afternoon in the temporary place of worship, and confirming 7 persons.

On Wednesday, July 16, I visited St. Paul's, Nantucket. The Rev. Mr. Burrill, Chaplain of the House of Correction, South Boston, who accompanied me on this occasion, preached in the morning; and I delivered a sermon in the evening, followed by a few words of parting counsel to the congregation.

On the Ninth Sunday after Trinity, July 20, I preached in the morning in the Church of the Messiah, Wood's Hole; and also made a brief address to the congregation, principally on the subject of Confirmation.

In the evening of the same day, I confirmed 7 persons at Sandwich. The parishioners here have purchased, since the last Convention, a very convenient place of worship formerly belonging

to Congregationalists; and in this building the services on the present occasion were held. I trust that God will so continue to prosper them that they may be enabled to improve the edifice, and to render it more adapted to the order of our Church; so that, at no distant period, it may be duly consecrated, in the impressive form provided for such occasions, to the service of God Almighty.

On the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity, September 21, I confirmed 5 in the afternoon in St. Matthew's, South Boston.

On Tuesday, September 23, I confirmed 3 in the evening in St. Paul's, Newburyport; making, with the 5 already mentioned, 8 as the whole number for the year.

On Thursday, September 25, at an Ordination held in the Church of the Messiah, Boston, I admitted to Priest's Orders the Rev. William H. Munroe, Deacon, Minister of Trinity Church, Melrose. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. W. S. Bartlet, Rector of St. Luke's, Chelsea; who, together with the Rev. Messrs. Randall and Irwin, united with me in the imposition of hands.

On Thursday, November 6, I confirmed 3 in the afternoon, and preached a second time in the evening, in St. John's, Wilkinsonville. I was greatly pleased to find that, during the interval between my last and present visit, the parishioners had made a great improvement in the interior of their church. This was much needed; and the manner in which it has been carried out reflects great credit upon their taste and judgment. For the good work thus done they have my sincere thanks. May the Lord vouchsafe unto them, more and more, those blessings of his gracious Spirit, in the absence of which all outward decencies are worthless and vain!

On Friday, November 7, I confirmed 3 in the afternoon in Christ Church, Clappville.

On the Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Trinity, November 9, I preached in the morning, and confirmed 4 in the afternoon, in St. John's, Ashfield. Here, likewise, I was gratified to observe, that the parishioners, by an improved arrangement of the interior of their church, had added greatly not only to its appearance, but to its convenience for the administration of the ordinances of the sanctuary. Within the walls of their neat and church-like edifice, may many souls be brought to Christ, and thus made heirs of "glory and immortality!"

On Tuesday, November 11, I preached in the afternoon, and again in the evening, in the temporary place of worship occupied by the congregation of St. John's, North Adams. This parish is yet in its infancy; but, from what I saw and heard, I have the belief that it will in due time become firm and strong. What is most needful to its growth and prosperity is an appropriate parish church. For the accomplishment of this object, a few of the students of Williams College have generously given their services; and I hope their application will not be unsuccessful. The place where divine service is now held, although commodious in many respects, is used, during the week, for many purposes so foreign from sacred associations, as to make it desirable that, if possible, a neat and economical church may be erected. The town is growing; and it is an inducement, among many others, to the encouragement of this young parish, that, by its nearness to Williams College, it affords the privilege of our services to Episcopalian students in that Institution.

On Wednesday, November 12, I preached in the morning, and confirmed 7 in the afternoon, in St. Luke's, Lanesborough.

On Thursday, November 13, I catechized the children in the afternoon, and confirmed 3 in the evening, in St. Stephen's, Pittsfield. Since the last Convention, the Rev. Robert J. Par-

vin has resigned the Rectorship of this parish ; and, just before the period of my visit, his place was filled by the appointment of the Rev. W. H. N. Stewart, formerly Rector of Grace Church, Newark, New Jersey. Mr. Parvin has been transferred to the Diocese of Western New York.

On Friday, November 14, I preached in the afternoon in Trinity Church, Lenox. The Rev. Mr. Brooks has resigned the charge of this parish, and is now officiating temporarily in All Saints', Worcester; the Rector of that parish, Mr. Morrison, being now absent in Europe.

On the Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Trinity, November 16, I had the satisfaction of officiating, for the first time, in the town of Lee ; where, during the last Spring, a parish was organized, with highly encouraging prospects, by the name of St. George's Church. The efficient services of the Rev. Dr. Chapman were happily secured ; and the congregation enjoy the benefit of his ministrations in a convenient hall, obtained soon after the organization. The parishioners have signified their intention to make no application to our Board of Missions, for aid in sustaining these services ; and have secured a beautiful and eligible site for a parish church. They are now making strenuous efforts to raise funds towards the building among themselves ; and, when they have done this, they will undoubtedly need the affectionate assistance of the members of our Church in other places. This they have certainly a good ground for asking ; having already manifested a zeal and energy worthy of all praise. On the occasion of my visit at the time above mentioned, I preached in the morning to a numerous congregation, and confirmed 5 persons in the afternoon. Everything seems to promise, with God's favor, a vigorous parish. May that Divine favor be vouchsafed, in enabling them speedily to commence the erection of a

suitable church ; and in giving permanence to that blessing which the town of Lee has now received, in the commencement, among its people, of the services of our beloved and scriptural Communion !

On Tuesday, November 18, I confirmed 5 in the morning, and catechized the children, in St. Paul's, Stockbridge.

On Wednesday, November 19, I confirmed 2 in the morning, and catechized the children, in Trinity Church, Vandeusenville ; and

In the evening of the same day, confirmed 11 in St. James's, Great Barrington.

On Friday, November 21, I preached in the morning in St. Paul's, Otis ; and

In the afternoon of the same day, preached, and baptized an infant, in St. Andrew's, New Boston. I regret to say that both of these two parishes are at present without a pastor ; but I trust that, in the ensuing Spring, measures will be taken to supply the vacancy. The feebleness of each of them will probably make it necessary that they be again united, as in former years.

On the Sunday next before Advent, November 23, I confirmed 5 in the afternoon, and catechized the children, in St. Mary's, Newton, Lower Falls. The Rev. Andrew Croswell has resigned the Rectorship of this parish ; and it is at present served by the Rev. Henry Burroughs.

On Wednesday, November 26, I confirmed 6 in the evening in All Saints', Worcester.

On Thursday, November 27, I preached in the morning in St. John's, Millville ; and in the evening confirmed 9 in the same church, and also a sick parishioner at a private house.

On Wednesday, December 3, I confirmed 7 in the evening in Grace Church, New Bedford.

On Thursday, December 4, I confirmed 11 in the afternoon in St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston; making, with the 18 previously mentioned, the number of 29 for the year.

On the Second Sunday in Advent, December 7, I confirmed 5 in the afternoon in St. James's, Roxbury, including 1 from Trinity Church, Boston.

On the Third Sunday in Advent, December 14, I confirmed 61 in the afternoon in the Church of the Advent, Boston; to which is to be added 1 confirmed, a fortnight afterwards, in another church, making in all 62 persons.

It is well known that, for many years, I have declined visiting this church; although, as you are aware, I have frequently administered the rite of Confirmation, in some other church appointed for the purpose, to such candidates as were presented. The right thus to decline I drew from the language of the former Canon on Episcopal Visitations; which, in my opinion, gave such a liberty to the Bishops of our Church. This right I exercised, on the ground of certain arrangements in the Church of the Advent, and a certain mode of conducting Divine service, which I conscientiously believed to be at variance with the Protestant character of our Church, and tending to the inculcation of unsound doctrine. The General Convention, however, having passed, during its session in October last, a new Canon on Episcopal Visitations, I appointed the above-mentioned day, shortly after the close of its sittings, for a visit to the Church of the Advent, for the purpose of administering Confirmation; and, in my written notification thereof addressed to the Rector, affectionately exhorted him to discontinue those usages which had caused the separation between his parish and myself. Although there had been some modification, in regard to the practices adopted in that church, since the death of the former

Rector, yet several usages existed to which, in my correspondence with the present Rector, I had expressed my objection. It is my earnest wish and hope, that the visit which I have now made to the church will have the effect of leading to their speedy discontinuance.

On the Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 21, I confirmed 12 in the evening in St. John's, Charlestown; making, with the 25 already mentioned, 37 as the whole number for the year.

On the Sunday after Christmas-Day, December 28, I confirmed 9 in the evening in the Free Church of St. Mary for Sailors, Boston; including 1 from the Church of the Advent.

On the Second Sunday after Christmas-Day, January 4, 1857, I confirmed 4 in the afternoon in St. Mark's, Boston; making, with the 2 already mentioned, 6 as the number for the year: — and

In the evening of the same day, confirmed 6 in Grace Church, Boston. These, with the 5 already mentioned, make 11 the number confirmed during the year.

On Wednesday, January 7, I had the great pleasure of consecrating Trinity Church, Haverhill; of which, as already mentioned, I had, eight months before, laid the corner stone. A considerable number of the clergy, constituting the Eastern District Church Missionary Association, took part in the solemn services; and a large congregation was in attendance. This edifice, the result, with God's blessing, of the efforts made by that Association to establish the ministrations of our Church at Haverhill, is, both externally and within, distinguished by the chaste and simple beauty of its appearance; and is thus, in addition to the accommodation which it affords, entitled to praise as being in harmony with the solemn purposes for which it was built. The whole cost of the structure, which is of wood,

and of the ground upon which it is placed, was \$6500. Of this sum \$4800 were contributed in Haverhill; and the remainder was furnished by generous friends of the undertaking in other parts of the Diocese. Several articles necessary for the administration of the ordinances, and for the comfort and ornament of the interior of the church, were the liberal gift of persons residing in Philadelphia. The most encouraging hopes are entertained, by those who are most able to form a correct judgment, of the growth of this new and interesting parish. May that Lord, without whom nothing is strong, bring these expectations to fulfilment; and, through his own blessing on the preaching of the word within the sanctuary thus set apart to his service, add daily to the Church such as the Saviour shall acknowledge, when he shall return to "judge the world in righteousness!"

In the evening of the day of consecration, after a sermon by the Rev. Dr. Fuller, Rector of Christ Church, Andover, I administered to 3 persons the rite of Confirmation.

On the first Sunday after the Epiphany, January 11, I confirmed 1 in the evening in St. Peter's, Cambridgeport.

On the evening of Monday, January 12, I was present at the Annual Examination of the Sunday School of Christ Church, Boston. On this occasion I catechised the children, and addressed the teachers.

From the various particulars mentioned in this record of my official acts, the following result is obtained:—I have confirmed, during the last twelve months, 457 persons; laid the corner-stone of, and consecrated, 1 church; ordained 3 Deacons, and 4 Priests; and 1 parish has been organized.

The following changes have occurred in the Diocese since our last Convention, besides those already mentioned:—The Rev. Cameron F. McRae has resigned the Rectorship of St. John's,

Jamaica Plain, and removed to the Diocese of Pennsylvania; and has been succeeded by the Rev. William R. Babcock, who has been received with letters dimissory from the Diocese of Mississippi. The Rev. Legh R. Dickinson, formerly Assistant to the Rector of St. Paul's, Brookline, has been transferred to Rhode Island, having received the appointment of Rector of Sion Church, Newport. The Rev. Ethan Allen has removed to Vermont, and is now the Rector of Christ Church, Guilford.

I would also mention, that our Board of Missions for Seamen have recently relinquished their place of worship in North Street in this city, and have secured a room in a very eligible situation in Commercial Street. The results of this change have been highly favorable; the increased attendance of seamen giving promise of a continuance, in still larger measure, of that usefulness by which the services have been blest during the past year.

A temporary interruption of wonted prosperity, which calls for the sympathy of us all, has overtaken the parish of St. Paul's, Dedham, in the destruction of their beautiful church by fire. This calamitous event took place on the morning of Sunday, the 7th day of December last. This edifice was consecrated by me in January, 1846; and its graceful tower has, ever since that time, attracted the eye of travellers, as they approached the town above whose dwellings it shewed its fair proportions. I learn, with satisfaction, that the parishioners are receiving this sad dispensation with truly Christian spirit; and that, while mourning the loss of a building dear to them from all that has taken place, during the eleven years of its existence, within its walls, they are engaged in active preparation for the commencement of a new edifice of stone. May the Lord, in his great mercy, prosper them in their work!

Since we last met together in this place, it has pleased God to

admonish us by the death of two of our Clergy. In November last, the Rev. Nathaniel T. Bent departed this life at Worcester, where, for some years, he had been the Principal of a Ladies' School; and where, at a previous period, he had been the Incumbent of All Saints' Church. He is also remembered by some among you as the Rector of Grace Church, New Bedford, and afterwards of St. Thomas's, Taunton. The latter parish he relinquished for that of St. John's, Bangor, in the Diocese of Maine; whence he was canonically transferred, towards the close of 1849, to this Diocese, where he continued to reside until the end of his life. Within a little less than two months after Mr. Bent's departure, the Rev. Shipley W. Willson was taken from us, and his mortal remains were committed to the grave on the first day of the present year. Since his resignation, through bodily infirmity, of the Chaplaincy of the House of Correction, South Boston, in which he labored with exemplary fidelity, he had been slowly wearing away under the power of disease: but his spirit was constantly refreshed and sustained by the presence of the Saviour, and by the consolations of that gospel which he had so faithfully preached to others. My dear brethren in the ministry, are we laying these events, and all the other awakening dispensations of Providence which are constantly witnessed around us, seriously and solemnly to heart? Are we, as we grow older in the service entrusted to us, growing in the conviction of the vanity of the world; of the emptiness of its honors; of our responsibility to God for the manner in which we are discharging our ministry; and of the certainty, and the swift approach, of that account which we must all render, at the great day of the Lord's appearing? Are we living as dying men, preaching to a dying world? Is our office regarded by us as a sublime commission to go forth, and

bring the impenitent to the Lamb of God as their refuge from the wrath to come, — and not as a mere source of daily sustenance, of profit, or of that praise which cometh from men? Are we firm and valiant for the truth? Are we nourishing our own love to the Redeemer by secret communion with Him; so that, from our personal experience of the sweetness of his name, we may tell others of the blessedness of being “found in Him?” These are questions which ought often to be addressed to our own consciences. I would now put them to myself; and I would put them to you. Soon shall we be where our departed fellow-laborers now are. The Lord help us so to preach, and so live, that, when our term of service is ended, we may have the testimony of our consciences that “in simplicity, and godly sincerity, we have had our conversation in the world!”

The Candidates for Holy Orders of the Diocese are as follows:—Frederick O. Barstow, William S. Perry, Edward Cowley, Benjamin R. Gifford, Reginald H. Chase, Wentworth S. Butler, Charles A. Sumner, Henry Marsh, and Eastburn Benjamin — Total, 9. Mr. Edward H. Harlow, one of the Candidates on the list presented at the last Convention, was in May last transferred to the Diocese of Virginia, and has been admitted by its Bishop to Deacon's Orders.

I omitted to mention, in my Address to the Convention of last year, the establishment, in this city, of an Institution under the management of members of our Church, which is destined, we may believe, to exert in coming years a widely beneficial influence. I refer to the Home for Orphan and Destitute Children. This asylum for a most interesting class of our fellow-beings was put into operation towards the close of the year 1855; and grew out of an establishment on a smaller scale, which owed its existence to the benevolent zeal of the Rector,

and many of the members, of Grace Church. The Rev. Charles Mason, rightly conceiving that, if enlisting the interest and aid of Episcopalians generally, its blessings would be enlarged to a greater extent than could be hoped for while it was under the exclusive care of a single parish, took measures for bringing the subject before the attention of other congregations. Public meetings were held to consider the object; and the sympathies of many were at once and deeply awakened. The present Institution was organized, and is now doing its god-like work with, we trust, the divine blessing. It is now only in its infancy: but we may hope that, with the increasing contributions of friends, both in the way of donations and testamentary bequests, it will gradually rise to a position of great strength and importance. And need I say, how vast must be the effects of an establishment, in which children, rescued from the temptations which beset the fatherless and motherless poor,—or from the perils of those who, neglected by their parents, have none to care for their souls,—are here not only placed under the hand of discipline, and trained in useful knowledge, but brought under the influence of saving, gospel truth;—even that truth which, drawn from Holy Scripture, is embodied in the Catechism of our Church, and holds forth an almighty and compassionate Redeemer to the view in the ordinances of our evangelical worship?

During the month of October last I was in attendance, of course, at the General Convention of our Church, assembled in the city of Philadelphia. To all that was done by that body, and left undone, as it is a matter of public record, it is unnecessary for me now to advert. I feel a strong desire, however, to say a few affectionate words, before closing this Address, in reference to that part of the action of the House of Bishops upon

the well-known Memorial, presented to them three years before, which declares the admissibility of a separate use of the three services of Morning Prayer, the Litany, and the Communion Office. My dear brethren of the Clergy, that a departure of this kind from the time-honored usage of our Church may sometimes, owing to bodily infirmity, the debilitating effect of climate, or a peculiar condition of the population, be expedient, is quite obvious ; and to an abbreviation of our ritual, made under the pressure of such extraordinary emergencies, no reasonable objection can be made. But allow me to express the hope, that in no other case than that of unavoidable necessity any change will be desired by you in the customs of this Diocese. I have great satisfaction in believing, that the sentiments now uttered are those of the Massachusetts Episcopal Clergy as a body. This belief is founded, partly on the views expressed to me by some of my brethren ; and still more upon the fact, that, with one exception, no application has been made to me for that advice, under which, agreeably to the action of the House of Bishops, this separation of the services is to be made. My reverend brethren, what call is there, in this portion of our Church, for any change ? There is certainly no necessity of climate. There is no necessity growing out of the circumstances of the population. Neither is there any arising from the general desire of our people ; who, if I rightly understand their feelings, the more they know of our order of worship find it fastening itself more and more on their dearest affections. I hear no complaints on their part ; and never have heard them in days past. And, even should it be the fact, that some cold heart, here and there, cries for a shortening of these scriptural and most varied services, what are we to think of the spirit that grudges a few additional minutes to the praise of God, and to the work of prayer, on one day out of

seven, while to the cares of this transient world are freely given all the waking hours of the other six? It is now nearly five and thirty years since I began to serve in the ministry of our Church; and this fact may give me some claim to urge my views upon those of the Clergy, who, from their youth, or recent connexion with the Episcopal Church, have less experience as the guide of their decisions. During all these years, my sense of the efficiency and adaptedness of our present order has grown with every day. I know not with which part we could dispense. It is a glorious whole: full of Scripture; full of Christ; full of the Holy Ghost. Let it be preserved entire. Let it suffice to see everything around us changing; but let it be our joy, and our privilege, to carry on untouched that ancient combination of separate parts, which is recommended to us by its own suitableness for edification, and endeared by all the hallowed recollections of days that are gone.

My brethren of the Clergy and Laity, I will no longer occupy your attention. May the Lord make us, while attached to the Liturgy of our Church because of its conformity with God's word, careful that, as ministers, we preach nothing, and, as hearers, we sympathize with and countenance the preaching of nothing, that is not in harmony with this scriptural truth which pervades our Prayer Book! May Christ be our only plea; may His glory be the chief object of our life; may His word be our exclusive guide; and may His kingdom of blessedness and joy, when our chequered pilgrimage is finished, be our final and "exceeding great reward!"

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed on that part of the Bishop's Address, in reference to the Memorial.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee consist of five members, and that they be appointed by the Chair.

The Chair appointed on that Committee the Rev. John Wayland, D.D., the Rev. W. R. Babcock, the Rev. S. B. Babcock, and Messrs. W. Raymond Lee, and George M. Browne.

The Rev. William R. Babcock, from the Committee on Qualifications, made the following Report:

The Committee on Qualifications respectfully report that the list of Clergy, read by the Secretary, is found to be correct; and that the certificates of Lay Delegates, submitted to them by the Secretary, are substantially in accordance with the prescribed form, with a single exception. Two certificates were presented from the Parish of Christ Church, in this city, certifying to the election of separate delegates. One of these certificates does not state that the delegates are regular worshippers in the Church. But, inasmuch as the question as to which is the true Corporation of Christ Church is understood still to remain unsettled in the Civil Courts, the Committee recommend that neither set of delegates be admitted to seats in this Convention.

For the Chairman,

W. R. BABCOCK,
B. P. RICHARDSON.

On motion,

Resolved, That the above report be accepted, and that the recommendation of that Committee, respecting the delegation from Christ Church, be adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Diocesan Board of Missions be

enlarged by the addition of ten members to its present number.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed by the Chair to nominate the Board of Missions, for the ensuing year.

The Chair appointed the Rev. George M. Randall, D. D., the Rev. John P. Hubbard, the Rev. W. S. Bartlét, and Messrs. Francis Hilliard and Seth Hartwell, to form that Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Convention now adjourn, to meet in this place to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

Adjourned.

Thursday Morning, 9 o'clock.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Benjamin H. Chase, Rector of St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville.

The roll having been called, several members not present yesterday appeared and took their seats.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee of two be appointed to audit the Treasurer's account.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Charles Stimpson and Robert M. Mason, as that Committee.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, the Rev. A. L. Baury read the following annual Report of the Society for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen.

Report of the Widows and Orphans Society.

The Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church present the following report of their proceedings during the past year, and of their present condition and future prospects :

The past year has been a marked one in the history of the Society. As no application for contract relief has been made, the funds of the Society have been steadily increasing, as will appear from the Treasurer's report herewith presented. They have now accumulated to the amount of ten thousand dollars, which has long been fixed as the minimum sum which it was necessary to procure and retain in order to give perfect security to the Clergy who should, by their contributions, contract with the Society for relief to be granted to their families. This fact led the Society to perfect a long contemplated revision of its By-Laws, with the view of setting forth clearly the rights of contributors, and in order to provide for the granting of *gratuitous* relief, to which this Society is pledged. At the same time various other matters incidental to the practical administration of its affairs have been attended to, and the Society will now, it is to be hoped, enter upon an active career of usefulness and charity. As an earnest of this, the Officers and Trustees of the Society have made a grant in the way of gratuitous relief to the Widow of the late Titus Strong, D. D., for forty-one years Rector of St. James's Church, Greenfield ; and also a grant to the Widow of the late Christian Wiltberger, formerly in the employ of the Board of Missions to Seamen, and, at the time of his death, canonically resident in this Diocese.

The Clergy and Laity of our Diocese should not, however, understand that the charitable work of the Society consists only in its gratuitous relief. The very disproportionate return which the Society contracts to make for the contributions from the Clergy, could never be made upon any other basis than that of a large permanent fund. It is surely a great charity to enable our

clergy to secure such liberal aid to their widows and orphans, and by means of a contract, to place this relief beyond the will or caprice of any person or body of persons. It is a matter of surprise that more of the Clergy do not avail themselves of this branch of the charity, and that the duty of sustaining the Society and increasing its funds is not felt and enforced to a greater extent.

The sum of ten thousand dollars having been set apart and invested as the permanent Annuity Fund, (which is to be hereafter annually increased by the addition of its income and of all contributions for the contract relief,) all the other funds of the Society, together with all payments for membership, whether annual or for life, and all gifts, bequests, and devises, and all offerings and collections made for its benefit and not otherwise appropriated by the donors, are henceforth to form a *charity fund*, the net income of which, together with some portion of the additions to the principal, (when not needed to make up any deficiency in the annuity fund,) may be hereafter annually dispensed as a free and pure charity to those who, being within the scope of the Society's charity, shall hereafter need it.

Thus, as we believe, our Society stands upon a broader basis than that of any other similar Society in any other Diocese. Shall it not be sustained in the liberal spirit in which it proposes to act?

In connection with the changes in the By-Laws of the Society, it becomes highly desirable that all the present and past contributors should surrender their present deposit books, and receive in return therefor new books, thus entitling themselves to the benefit of the clearer provisions of our amended By-Laws. If this is not done, great confusion may arise from the uncertainty which has been thought to attend the construction of our early and inartificial By-Laws. A Committee of the Government, consisting of Frederick H. Stimpson, Henry M. Parker, and the Treasurer, have been appointed to attend to this exchange of books.

A copy of the Amended By-Laws is herewith presented to the Convention for its more particular information.

In behalf of the Society,

JAMES C. MERRILL, *Secretary*.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Report of the Widows and Orphans Society be accepted and printed in the Journal, and that some Sunday in Lent be assigned for taking collections in the Churches, in aid of the funds of the Society.

The Rev. Charles Mason, Secretary of the Diocesan Board of Missions, presented the Annual Report of that body.

Report of the Board of Missions.

The Board of Missions respectfully submit to the Convention their Twenty-First Annual Report.

The following appropriations have been made during the past year :

To the Missionary at Trinity Church, Pawtucket,	\$150
“ “ “ Christ “ Swansea,	100
“ “ “ St. Paul's “ Nantucket,	200
“ “ “ St. John's “ East Boston,	300
“ “ “ St. Luke's “ Chelsea,	100
“ “ “ St. Peter's “ Cambridgeport,	100
“ “ “ Grace “ Newton Corner,	300
“ “ “ St. Paul's, “ Stockbridge,	100
“ “ “ Trinity, “ Vandeusenville,	100
“ “ “ St. John's “ North Adams,	400
“ “ “ Church of the Messiah, Wood's Hole,	200
The Eastern District Association have appropriated	
To the Missionary at Trinity Church, Haverhill,	1000
To the Missionary at Trinity Church, Melrose,	250
The Southern District Association have appropriated	
To the Missionary at St. John's Church, Sandwich,	400
Total,	<hr/> \$3700

Some of these appropriations were made dependent upon the payment, during the year, of long-existing parish debts, which condition has led to satisfactory results.

The debt of St. Luke's Church, Chelsea, has been reduced, within the past year, from \$1000 to \$250; and it is expected that the latter sum will soon be paid.

St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport, has provided for the payment of a large part of its debt, and is gradually advancing in numbers and in other elements of prosperity.

Trinity Church, Pawtucket, has "paid off a heavy debt, finished the church edifice, and is able to become at once permanently self-supporting." The parish "tender their sincere thanks to the Diocesan Board of Missions for their long-continued fostering care and support."

The Board would direct attention to other encouraging results in Churches, aided during the past year. Rapid and signal success has attended the movement, referred to in our last report, to establish Churches in Newton Corner and Haverhill.

The Church at Newton Corner was organized September 27, 1855, — less than sixteen months ago, — and the services have been held in a hired hall. The parish have recently purchased a lot of land, at the cost of nearly \$5000, large enough to accommodate a church, chapel, and rectory; and the rectory is now in process of being built. The chapel is to be erected next summer, and will be used for public worship until the parish can build a substantial stone church. The Sunday school has one hundred scholars, and fifteen teachers.

At Haverhill, Church services were commenced in August, 1855, under the auspices of the Eastern District Association; and on the 7th day of the present month a commodious and beautiful church was consecrated, under the name of Trinity Church. It has sittings for about three hundred and fifty persons. Its cost was \$6500, (all paid,) of which \$5000 was contributed by members of the parish. This Church, though not yet eighteen months old, is already in a thriving condition.

The Missionary at Melrose, where services were commenced

early last year, reports that the attendance has steadily increased, and that he is much encouraged in his labors. The congregation frequently exceeds one hundred. The Sunday-school has forty-eight scholars. This parish proposes to build a church during the present year.

St. John's Church, East Boston, has had to contend with such peculiar and perhaps unprecedented difficulties, occasioned by the loss of two church buildings, that there is rather cause for wonder that the Church should have retained its existence, than that it should not have rapidly increased. Its rector, however, has yielded to no discouragement; and, now that the Church is free from debt, the Board have no doubt of its ultimate prosperity.

At North Adams, in Berkshire County, where regular services were commenced in November, 1855, the congregation has gradually increased, and measures are now in progress to build a church. This Church, established in one of the largest and most enterprising towns in the western part of the State, is also important on account of its proximity to Williams College, several students of which are members of our Church. More will undoubtedly resort to this college, when it is known that they will not thereby be deprived of the privilege of attending frequently the services of the Church of which they are members, and in which they have been nurtured.

At Sandwich, where missionary services have been sustained by the aid of the Southern District Association, among a population previously much neglected, a church-building has been secured during the past year, by purchase from the Congregationalists, and will be adapted to the service of our Church.

Several of the Churches now aided by the Board, will undoubtedly become self-supporting in a short period. Two or three of them will probably not seek assistance after the present year. But there are others, which, in the opinion of the Board, cannot be sustained without missionary aid for several, perhaps many, years to come. In regard to such Churches, the following remarks are submitted.

This Board was established, not only to act as a Missionary Board, by planting new Churches where they might be expected soon to become self-supporting, but also in some measure to fulfil the office of a Pastoral Aid Society, by extending assistance to feeble Churches, however long in existence, which, without such aid, could not be maintained.

There is reason, however, to believe that a different impression exists; and the Board desire, therefore, to bring this point prominently before the Convention and the Church in the Diocese. When the Board was organized, in 1836, its objects were distinctly set forth in a circular letter, (written by Bishop Griswold, and addressed to the Churches,) in these words: "It will be the aim of the Board to make every missionary station sustain itself as soon as practicable. Still, however, in every sisterhood of Churches, there will always be some feebler ones, requiring assistance as long as they exist; and it would be showing very little regard either for the cause of religion, or that of our Church, and would be considered a hard measure if dealt to ourselves, to deny those, whose own means are insufficient, the inestimable blessing of Gospel ministrations." In the third annual report, the same policy is again stated: "There are two points contemplated in the action of the Board; the one is to sustain the services of the Church in those ancient parishes which may be unable to meet the whole expense of supporting the Gospel Ministry without aid from abroad; and the other has reference to the establishment of new Churches, where they may be expected, after assistance has been rendered for a few years, to assume an independent footing." Accordingly the Board has never been willing to withhold aid for the support of the ministry in parishes in which it might be required for many years to come. And it is still as important as ever to continue the same policy. In some Dioceses there are distinct Pastoral Aid Societies, and it is desirable that they should exist in all. The principle upon which they act is recognized in various religious denominations of New England.

In our Mother Church, the Pastoral Aid Society occupies a

most important place among her noble institutions of charity. Instituted in 1836, it has been made the almoner of large sums for the support of Ministers and Lay assistants in various parts of England. It has greatly promoted the activity and efficiency by which the last twenty years have been marked in the English Church. It has sent out among the masses many lay-readers and tract distributors, having duties like those of Colporteurs in this country. It has revived many Churches which had been closed for want of sufficient means to support a minister, and has promoted the erection or purchase of chapels, and the fitting up of school rooms to be used as chapels. Its stations have been established on the line of Rail-Roads for the benefit of laborers far removed from churches, and for other classes least likely to attend public worship.

Many facts show the great importance of some such instrumentality in our Church, even in New England. There are within her borders considerable districts in which otherwise the public services of religion would not exist. Some of the Missionaries of the Board now occupy such places, and others are needed in similar districts, where they cannot look to the people for their support.

Moreover, some of the Churches aided by the Board, which may require assistance many years, are in communities in which their influence is peculiarly needful, on account of the extreme laxity of religious principle which prevails; the predominance of errors subversive of the essential faith of the Gospel; and the increasing practice of desecrating the Lord's day and occasions of public worship, by the introduction of subjects, political and others, which have no connection with the Gospel and the salvation of men.

Our Church is especially important in this State as a barrier against those most dangerous perversions of Christian doctrine which find their stronghold here; and against the alarming increase of doubt of the Divine authority of Christianity, of the distinctive inspiration of the Scriptures, and of the duty of public worship. This state of things, while it shows the great im-

portance of sustaining our Churches where they have been established, also greatly increases the difficulty in the way of their self-support. The provision made for the support of the Clergy generally is extremely inadequate and uncertain, and many would be compelled to desert their posts by absolute necessity, or to engage in some secular pursuit, if not aided by more favored Churches.

Much as frequent changes of settlement, and the union of any secular calling with the labors of the ministry are to be regretted, yet both are inevitable under the circumstances in which many clergymen are placed.

Some of the most faithful and self-denying ministers of the Church, even in this wealthy State, are now striving to give themselves wholly to the duties of their office, in parishes from which they do not receive an amount equal to the wages of men engaged in the most common manual labor.

The Board feel the imperative duty of urging upon the Church the necessity of adopting measures upon a larger scale to meet this great and increasing evil. While they regard it their principal object to plant the Church, where it will most certainly and speedily become self-supporting, they desire also to act, in the disbursement of funds, with entire freedom, upon the principle of a Pastoral Aid Society, to increase the support of Clergymen under the circumstances above mentioned. Few can appreciate the greatness of the encouragement caused by even the small sums appropriated by the Board in this way. Would that the amount entrusted to them for this object might be increased manifold, and thus they be enabled to hold up the hands of every such minister faithfully engaged in his work for Christ and the Church!

In behalf of the Board,

CHARLES MASON, *Secretary*.

The above report was, on motion, accepted.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Board of Missions have full authority to act in the disbursement of funds upon the principle of a Pastoral Aid Society, and that its title be changed, and read as follows: "The Diocesan Board of Missions, and Pastoral Aid Committee."

The Rev. George M. Randall, D.D., Secretary of the Standing Committee, presented the annual report of the doings of that body.

Report of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee present to the Convention the following Report of their doings, as required by the eighth article of the Constitution.

The Committee was duly organized on the 11th day of February, A. D. 1856, by the choice of the Rev. Alexander H. Vinton, D. D., President, and the Rev. George M. Randall, Secretary.

The Committee have held seventeen meetings.

They have signed the Canonical Certificates in favor of the Rev. J. S. C. Greene, the Rev. L. R. Dickinson, the Rev. Edward Anthon, the Rev. Robert F. Chase, and the Rev. William H. Munroe, Deacons, applying to be admitted to Priests' Orders:—

And also, in favor of Edward H. Harlow, Lucius W. Bancroft, J. A. Penniman, late a minister of the Unitarian denomination, and Winslow W. Sever, applying to be admitted to Deacon's Orders:—

And also, of W. S. Butler, C. A. Sumner, Henry Marsh, J. A. Penniman, and Eastburn Benjamin, applying to be admitted Candidates for Holy Orders.

They have, also, in accordance with the provisions of Canon IV. of 1832, of the General Convention, acted as a council of advice to the Bishop, on two occasions.

They have approved the bills of the following persons:—Rev. J. H. Clinch, Secretary of the Convention, J. B. Dow, George

Thompson, Rev. S. B. Babcock, and the Secretary of the Committee.

For the Committee,

GEORGE M. RANDALL, *Secretary*.

Which, on motion, was accepted.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed by the Chair to consider what measures can be taken to give greater unity and force to movements looking to the extension of the Church in this Diocese, and that such Committee report to the next Convention.

The Chair named the following gentlemen as the Committee on Missionary operations :

Rev. Theo. W. Snow, Rev. John Wayland, D.D.,
 " Theo. Edson, D.D., Mr. Francis J. Parker,
 Mr. George M. Browne.

The Rev. Geo. M. Randall, D. D., from the nominating Committee, appointed yesterday, reported that that Committee recommend the addition of the following gentlemen to the Diocesan Board of Missions :

Rev. Alex. H. Vinton, D.D., Rev. George Leeds,
 " Theodore Edson, D.D., " William S. Child,
 " John S. Stone, D.D., " Samuel B. Shaw,
 " Samuel Cutler, Mr. Peter Hubbell,
 " Nicholas Hoppin, " R. H. Dana, Jr.

The Committee also recommend the re-election of the members of the Board of last year.

Mr. Charles Stimpson, from the Committee to audit the Treasurer's account, made the following report :

The Treasurer has received, the past year, the sum of \$593.39, including ninety dollars on his Treasurer's note, and has paid, according to accounts and vouchers presented, \$585.13, leaving a balance in his hands of \$8.26.

Due from Convention on 17th inst.,	
Treasurer's note,	\$90.00
Deputies to General Convention,	70.00
Extra Assessment, General Convention,	38.50
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	\$198.50

The Secretary, in the absence of R. H. Dana, Jr., Esq., read the following report from the Committee on Legislation for the Church :

Having been appointed by the last Convention a Committee to procure certain legislation for the relief of the Church, I ask leave to submit the following report :

- I submitted to the Committee of the Senate on the Judiciary the form of a bill recommended by the last Convention, and printed on the forty-fifth page of our Journal: After conference with that Committee and other members of the Legislature, I found that the Methodists, and possibly other denominations, were in the same condition with ourselves ; and, at their suggestion, I changed the form of the bill, so as to make it apply to all parishes or religious societies, whose constitutions or usages provided for other officers than those named in the Revised Statutes.

This bill was reported by the Committee on the Judiciary, and passed the Senate. In the House of Representatives, an objection was made that it might, in some way, enable the Roman Catholic Bishops to avoid the Act of 1855, Chap. 314. This objection defeated the bill.

Under the circumstances, I thought it best to make no further attempt, at that session. I will take the liberty, however, to recommend to the Convention to adopt measures to procure the passage of the same bill, by the present Legislature. Or, if the same objection is found to

interfere with its passage, then to attempt to procure the passage of the bill applicable to our own parishes only, as at first proposed.

All which is respectfully submitted.

RICHARD H. DANA, Jr.

Which report was, on motion, accepted, and R. H. Dana, Jr., Esq., B. C. Clark, Esq., and George M. Browne, Esq., were appointed the Committee for the ensuing year.

The Rev. Theodore W. Snow, from the Executive Committee, made the following report :

The Executive Committee report the expediency of changing the time of meeting of this Convention, from the third Wednesday of January to the first Wednesday of May ; the next meeting to be held in Trinity Church, Boston, in May, 1858.

They recommend the Rev. George Leeds for the Preacher, and the Rev. Samuel Cutler for the substitute.

Which report was, on motion, accepted, and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That the several Parishes of this Diocese be requested to make a collection in behalf of the Society for the relief of aged and indigent Clergymen of this Diocese, annually, on Christmas day.

The Rev. Alfred L. Baurý, Treasurer of the Society for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, presented his annual report. (See Appendix.)

The hour of 11 having arrived, the order of the day was taken up, and the Convention proceeded to the elections.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Messrs. Wells and Smithett, tellers, to collect and count the votes for a Standing Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That the report of the Nominating Committee for a Board of Missions be accepted. (See page 40.)

On motion,

Resolved, That in the election of a Board of Missions, balloting be dispensed with, and that the gentlemen whose names were reported by the Committee, be declared elected.

On motion,

Resolved, That in the election of a Board of Commissioners for Church Extension, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

Resolved, That the former Board be declared re-elected.

On motion,

Resolved, That, in the election of a Board of Missions to Seamen, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

Resolved, That the election of a Board of Missions for Seamen be suspended until the report of that body shall have been presented.

The Rev. William T. Smithett, from the Committee to collect and count the votes for a Standing Committee, announced that the Convention had made choice of the following gentlemen as the Standing Committee for the following year :

Clergy.

Rev. Alex. H. Vinton, D.D.,
" Geo. M. Randall, D.D.,
" Charles Mason,

Laity.

Messrs. Wm. Appleton,
" Otis Daniell,
" Geo. M. Dexter.

A resolution having been offered,

That Grace Church, Newton Corner, and Trinity

Church, Haverhill, be admitted into union with this Convention, it was,

On motion, laid on the table.

A resolution having been offered, that the Canon of 1852, "Of the admission of new Parishes into union with the Convention," be repealed, it was,

On motion,

Resolved, That the above resolution be laid on the table until after action has been taken on the admission of Grace Church, Newton Corner, and Trinity Church, Haverhill.

The Rev. George Leeds, from the Finance Committee, presented the following report :

That applications have been received from the Rectors of the following named Parishes, for appropriations out of the contingent fund, to pay their travelling expenses :— Great Barrington, Lanesboro', North Adams, Greenfield, Wilkinsonville, Pawtucket, and Swansea ; and that the Committee have appropriated to the ministers of the four first-mentioned Parishes the sum of ten dollars each ; to the minister at Wilkinsonville, three dollars and a half ; and to the ministers at Pawtucket and Swansea, three dollars, respectively.

For the Committee,

GEORGE LEEDS.

On motion,

Resolved, That the application of Trinity Church, Melrose, for admission into union with this Convention, be received, and referred to the Committee on new Parishes.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now adjourn to 4 o'clock, this P. M.

Adjourned.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

On motion,

Resolved, That the proposed amendment to the third article of the Constitution (printed on page 39 of the Journal of 1856) be indefinitely postponed.

The Rev. Dr. Vinton offered the following amendment to the third article of the Constitution, to lie over for the action of the next Convention: after the words, "a stated worshipper in the Parish which he represents," insert the words, "*and a communicant of this Church.*"

Mr. Hilliard, from the Committee on unfinished business, reported that the only action lying over from the last Convention were amendments to the third article of the Constitution, found on page forty-one and page forty-seven of the Journal or 1856.

The Rev. C. Mason, from the Committee on new Parishes, reported that the Parish of Trinity Church, Melrose, have laid before them written evidence, subscribed by the Wardens and Vestry, that they have been duly organized for the space of one year, and during that time have held regular public services, and accede to the Constitution and Canons of the Church.

On motion,

Resolved, That the application of Trinity Church, Melrose, be referred to the Standing Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Convention adjourn, to meet in this place to-morrow morning, at 9 1-2 o'clock.

Adjourned.

Friday morning, Jan. 23, 9 1-2 o'clock.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. John Irwin, Rector of St. John's Church, East Boston.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

On motion,

Resolved, That the resolution respecting the repeal of the Canon of 1852, on the admission of new Parishes, be now taken from the table.

A resolution having been offered that the Canon of 1852, on the admission of new Parishes, be repealed, it was,

On motion,

Resolved, That the question of the repeal of the Canon of 1852 be laid on the table.

On motion,

Resolved, That the application of Grace Church, Newton Corner, and of Trinity Church, Haverhill, as found on pages 9 and 51 of the Journal of 1856, be committed to the Standing Committee, to report at the next Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the question of the repeal of the Canon of 1852, be taken from the table.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Canon of 1852 be now repealed.

On motion,

Resolved, That the vote be reconsidered by which the application of Grace Church, Newton Corner, and Trinity Church, Haverhill, was referred to the Standing Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That the subject of the application of these two Parishes be laid on the table.

On motion,

Resolved, That the amendment to the Constitution, proposed by Rev. Dr. Wells, on page 41 of the Journal, be indefinitely postponed.

On motion,

Resolved, That the amendment to the Constitution, proposed by the Rev. Dr. Vinton, on page 47 of the Journal of 1856, be indefinitely postponed.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed by the Chair, to take into consideration the expediency of revising the rules of order, and report to the next Convention, immediately after its organization, any changes or alterations that they may deem expedient.

The Chair appointed on that Committee the Rev. Chas. Mason, and Messrs. W. Raymond Lee, and Francis Hilliard.

The Rev. John Irwin, from the Board of Missions to Seamen, read the annual report of that body.

Report of the Board of Missions to Seamen.

The Board of Missions to Seamen would respectfully report to this Convention, that during the past year religious services have been regularly maintained in the Chapel in North street, formerly rented by them, and in the commodious chapel in Commercial street occupied by them for this purpose within the last few weeks. The removal of the Mission to the latter premises had been already determined on, when it was hastened in consequence of the rooms in North street being required by the proprietor for other purposes; and the result, as far as the objects of the Mission are concerned, has been very satisfactory. The attendance of seamen at the Morning services has increased, whilst the Evening services have been, since the removal, resorted to by a congregation almost exclusively composed of seamen, — the average number of the attendants not having diminished.

In addition to the maintenance of religious services on each succeeding Sunday, a large number of Bibles and Testaments in various languages, with Prayer books in English, and religious tracts, have been distributed. Of the exact number of books and tracts, thus distributed, no record has been kept; but the distribution itself, made at the termination of worship in the chapel, is conducted on such principles that the Board cannot but hope that the Divine blessing will accompany this branch of their Missionary operations.

With respect to the general prospects of the Mission, the Board have to state, that the congregations are generally composed of men who listen most attentively to the preaching of the Gospel and who appear to be frequently impressed with the value of the sacred truths brought home to their understandings and their hearts. They are therefore encouraged to believe, according to the promise, that "God's word shall not return to Him void;" whilst they express their conviction that, as far the great object of preaching the Gospel is concerned, namely, the conversion of sinful souls to Christ, this Mission to Seamen is doing a good work for the community and for our Church.

Which, on motion, was accepted.

W. Raymond Lee, Esq., presented the following amendments to the 3d Article of the Constitution, to lie over for the action of the next Convention:— After the word "represents," insert the words, *and does not unnecessarily absent himself from the ministrations of the sanctuary.*

In the amendment offered by the Rev. Dr. Vinton, yesterday, after the words, "a member of this Church," add the words, *"provided he does not practically repudiate his obligations as such, by absenting himself, unnecessarily, from the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper."*

The Rev. G. L. Platt proposed the following, to be adopted as a Canon of the Church in this Diocese:

All applications for admission of new Parishes into

union with this Convention, shall be received by, and referred to, the Committee on New Parishes, who shall consider all evidence in each case, and report upon the expediency of granting the application.

Pending the consideration of which, the order of the day coming up, namely, the election of a Board of Missions to Seamen, the Convention proceeded to its consideration.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention proceed to the election of a Board of Missions to Seamen, *viva voce*, and that the question of maintaining in future the organization of said Board by the Convention, be referred to the Standing Committee, with instructions to report at the next Convention, and also to report upon the best means of promoting the worship of the Episcopal Church among Seamen.

On motion,

Resolved, That the members of the former Board of Missions to Seamen be declared re-elected.

On motion,

Resolved, That any of the Boards of this Church in which vacancies may occur, have power to fill any such vacancies.

The following resolutions were offered by the Rev. George M. Randall, D.D.:

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God, in his all-wise providence, to remove from the church militant, since the last meeting of this Convention, the Rev. Nathaniel T. Bent, and the Rev. Shipley Wells Willson, Presbyters of this Diocese, therefore,

Resolved, That this Convention deeply sympathize with the afflicted families of our deceased brethren, and hereby

tender to them our Christian condolence, in this season of their bereavement.

Resolved, That in the removal of these brethren from their labors on earth, we recognize a fresh admonition from the Great Head of the Church, to do what our hands find to do, in extending the kingdom of our Lord on earth.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the pages of the Journal, and that a copy of the same be transmitted to the families of our deceased brethren.

Which resolutions were, on motion, adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That one thousand copies of the Journal be printed.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary and Treasurer be a Committee to attend to the publication of the Journal.

On motion,

Resolved, That the same power conferred upon the Treasurer of the Diocese, the last year, to compromise the payment of assessments with delinquent Parishes, be renewed for the present year.

The Convention having no more business before it,

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The members present then united in singing the Doxology; and after prayer and benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned, *sine die*.

Attest,

JOSEPH H. CLINCH, *Secretary*.

APPENDIX.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Suffolk County.

Trinity Church, Boston.

THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, Rector.

THE REV. JOHN COTTON SMITH, Assistant Minister on the
Greene Foundation.

Baptisms, (adult 1, infants 13,) 14. Marriages, 14. Burials, 20. Confirmed, 9. Communicants, 360. Sunday scholars, 135. Teachers, 18. Bible Class of Young Men, 10. Young Ladies' Bible Class, 14.

The contributions, so far as ascertained, have been as follows :
Communion Offerings, \$657.04; Diocesan Missions, \$528.57; Foreign Missions, \$164.30; Missions in Oregon, Kansas, and Maine, \$190.99; City Missions, \$347.50; Building and improvement of Churches, \$883; Church Extension in the West, \$46; Theological Education, \$175; Collected at the Price Lectures, \$136.77; For the Bible Society, \$85.10; American Sunday School Union, \$216.78; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$513; Board of Missions for Seamen, \$148.35; Young Men's Christian Association, \$100; for the Sunday School of Trinity

Church, \$88.02; Trinity Church Charitable Society for clothing the poor, \$217; Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Clergymen, \$115; subscriptions to the Home for Orphan and Destitute Children, as far as collected, \$211; Other benevolent objects, \$35.95. Of the offerings for Foreign Missions, \$88.27 were from the Sunday Scholars; who also gave \$10 for the benefit of a Sunday School in the Diocese of Maine, included in the above enumeration. The total amount of the contributions thus recorded is \$4859.37.

Christ Church, Boston.

THE REV. W. T. SMITHETT, Rector.

Baptisms, 69. Marriages, 31. Burials, 28. Confirmed, 9. Communicants: added, 15; died and removed, 24; present number 97. Sunday Scholars, 112. Bible Class, 22. Teachers, 13, including Librarian and Superintendent. Church Offerings: Communion alms, \$79.60; Widows and Orphans of Clergy, (additional to Parish annual subscription, R. Slack, Esq.,) \$20.00; Massachusetts Board of Missions, (General Fund,) \$26.00; do. Special, (Haverhill \$25.00, Melrose \$10.00,) \$35.00; General Board of Missions, Foreign, \$25.00; Domestic, (Ohio and Iowa,) \$20.00; Missionary Association for the West, (Kansas,) \$22.00; Bishop White Prayer Book Society, \$10.00; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$11.00; Boston Young Mens' Christian Association, \$25.00; City Mission, (for Rev. F. Byrne,) \$35.00; Parish purposes, (Young Ladies' Missionary Society,) \$66.00; Sunday School objects and others in the Church, \$72.00; Fragment Society, clothing for the Poor, &c., \$25.00; Rev. Mr. Pinckney, (returned African Missionary,) \$9.00. Total, \$480.60.

St. Matthew's Church, South Boston.

THE REV. JOSEPH H. CLINCH, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 50. Communicants: added, 20; died or

removed, 14; present number, 77. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 8. Burials, 35. Sunday School: Scholars, 108; Teachers, 19. Missionary Contributions: Massachusetts Board, \$30. Other Contributions for Religious and Benevolent Purposes: Offertory, \$65.49; Trinity Church, Haverhill, \$5; Widows' and Orphans' Society, \$10; South Boston Samaritan Society, \$8; "Griswold Press," for Oregon, from the Sunday School, \$5; Other objects, \$42. Total, \$165.49.

The Rector has nothing special to report in reference to the condition of the Parish. The only changes during the year have been the removal of some, and the addition of other families, so common in the fluctuating population of all suburban Parishes.

St. Paul's Church, Boston.

THE REV. A. H. VINTON, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 4, infants 24,) 28. Marriages, 13. Burials, 17. Confirmed, 23. Communicants: added, 31; removed, 40; remaining, 310. Sunday School: Teachers, 30; Pupils, 140. Bible Class, 75. Charities: Domestic Missions, \$600.00; Foreign Missions, \$500.00; Diocesan Missions, \$732.00; City Missions, \$800.00; Seamen's Missions, \$150.00; Education, \$500.00; Sunday School Union, \$400.00; Bible Society, \$200.00; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$150.00. Offertory, \$760.00; Church building, Orphan Asylum, and other objects, \$1500. Total, \$6437.00.

Grace Church, Boston.

THE REV. CHARLES MASON, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 33, adults 4,) 37. Communicants: added, 33; died or removed, 39; present number, 200. Confirmed, 11. Marriages, 4. Burials, 11. Sunday School: Teachers, 22; Scholars, 120. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$213; Diocesan Board, \$190. Communion offerings, \$300. Other

offerings for the Poor, \$150. City Missionary, \$51.50. Clerical Fund, \$26.50. Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$26.50. Home for Orphan and Destitute Children, \$375.

Collections have been made in the Parish, by various persons, for church building, and other religious purposes not mentioned in the above statement. During the past year, the changes in the Parish by the removal of families to the country, and to the south part of the city, have been greater than usual.

Church of the Messiah, Boston.

THE REV. GEORGE M. RANDALL, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 48, adults 2,) 50. Confirmed, 9. Communicants: added, 34; died or removed, 22; present number, 261. Marriages, 11. Burials, 18. Sunday School: Scholars, 200; teachers, 28; Superintendent, and two Librarians; total, 231. Contributions: Communion alms, \$304.11; other contributions for the Poor, \$62.00; Sunday School collection, \$103.20, of which \$40.00 were for the education of two children in Africa. Weekly offerings, \$502.50; of which \$93.00 were for Diocesan Missions; \$26.00 for the Widows' and Orphans' Society; \$80 for the Home for Orphan and Destitute Children. Bible Society, \$21.47. Visitor of the Poor, \$63.14. Ladies' Circle, \$425.46; of which \$73.00 were for the benefit of destitute Sunday School children, and others; and \$351.00 for the purpose of furnishing the new Chapel. For the erection of a new Chapel, \$2500. Total, \$3897.27.

The congregation, during the past year, has been steadily increasing.

The Parish have just completed a new Chapel, and Sunday School room. This building, which is of brick, is connected with the church, and will accommodate a congregation of three hundred, and cost, with the furniture, nearly three thousand dollars.

As indicative of a healthful state of zealous liberality, it may be said, that, although the Parish has been heavily taxed, for the

purpose of raising the sum of \$2500.00 for the erection of the Chapel, their other contributions have been \$1397.27,—being \$563.17 more than they were last year.

St. John's Church, East Boston.

THE REV. JOHN IRWIN, Rector.

There have been in this Parish, since the last Convention, 31 Baptisms, 18 Burials, and 11 Marriages. There have been no Confirmations during the year, although two are at present awaiting a suitable opportunity for the administration of that holy rite. The number of communicants continues the same as at the period of the last returns,—the additions having equalled the removals from the Parish. The sum of \$74.04 has been contributed since last Convention, in the form of Communion Offerings; of which \$34.50 have been appropriated to Missions within the Diocese, including that at Haverhill, under the charge of the Eastern District Church Missionary Association; \$25.67 to Charitable purposes; \$8 to the purposes of the Domestic Board of Missions, and \$5.87 to the special wants of the Parish. In addition to the sum thus collected, the ladies of the Parish have held a Fair, from which about \$150 were realized, to be appropriated to the liquidation of the debt upon our organ.

The Rector has to state that, under the valuable superintendence of a member of the Parish, who during the year has come to his aid, the Sunday School is in a more promising condition than formerly. The scholars in attendance now number nearly fifty; whilst in relation to the general condition of the Parish, he would say, that the congregations have not diminished, which is a consideration of some importance, considering the *floating* character of our population. The large number of baptisms, also, somewhat disproportioned to so small a Parish, indicates a difficulty with which we have to contend, namely: that there exists among us a considerable number of members (ostensibly) of the United Church of England and Ireland, who very rarely appear in our house of prayer, except on occasions of this nature,

and who, generally speaking, add little to the strength of our Church in this locality.

Church of the Advent, Boston.

THE RIGHT REV. HORATIO SOUTHGATE, D. D., Rector.

THE REV. ASA EATON, D. D., and THE REV. M. P. STICKNEY, Priests Associate.

Baptisms, (infants 46, adults 8,) 54. Communicants: reported last year, 406; added since, 56; died or removed, 48; present number, 414. Confirmed, 62. Marriages, 13. Burials, 20. Schools: Sunday School, Teachers, 20; scholars, 103; Parish School, Teachers, 2; Scholars, 38; Sewing School, Teachers, 6; Scholars, 42. Offerings: on Sundays and Holy Days, \$6717.92; by the Parish Guild, \$1339.11; through the Alms Chest, \$660.73; Sunday School Offerings, \$23.39. Total, \$8741.15.

St. Mark's Church, Boston.

THE REV. ALFRED L. BAURY, Pastor.

THE REV. EDWARD A. RENOUF, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms, infants, 10. Communicants: added, 12; present number, about 40. Confirmed, 6. Burials, 10. Marriages, 6. Sunday School Scholars, 43. Contributions: received at the Offertory, \$305.56; amount of subscriptions towards payment of ground rent, (on which the edifice of St. Mark's stands,) etc. etc., \$451. Total, \$756.56.

There has been, since the last Annual Convention of the Church in this Diocese, a gradual increase of attendants on public worship in this infant Parish. The sittings being free, are mostly occupied by persons whose means would not render it convenient for them to secure seats for themselves, and their families, in our pew renting churches. While a few individuals, who comprise the more wealthy portion of the congregation, seem disposed to further the project of erecting (prospectively)

a substantial church edifice in this rapidly increasing part of Boston. To this end, they have obtained from the city authorities, the refusal of a lot of land, at the corner of Springfield and Tremont Streets, of ample dimensions for a large church and parsonage, with sufficient unoccupied ground remaining to admit of an embellishment of the premises with trees, shrubs, etc.

Should the Committee, in charge, succeed in raising an amount equal to the first payment for the land, this very important, and as it seems to us, feasible object, will we trust, be carried forward, "Till the topstone shall be brought forth with shoutings of grace, grace unto it." (Zech. iv. 7.)

St. Stephen's Free Chapel, Boston.

THE REV. E. M. P. WELLS, D.D., "Episcopal City Missionary."

Baptisms, 65. Confirmed, 29. Marriages, 42. Burials, 32. Communicants, from 150 to 200. Sunday School : Teachers, 18 ; Scholars, 142. Given within the Parish, for religious and charitable purposes, and for Missions, \$1025. The Missionary, as an almoner to the Poor, has bestowed, in fuel, food, clothing, rent, for the sick, &c., on about seven thousand occasions, \$3848, as per Advent Report, for the year then ending. Included in the above, as given at St. Stephen's House, are 18,507 meals, 1238 loaves, 3,969 lodgings, 512 pairs of shoes, stockings, and other new clothing ; besides several hundred articles of second-hand clothing, 1,167 parcels of tea and sugar, 115 weeks' nursing and provision for the sick, 150 weeks' rent, 132 parcels of fuel, 685 days' work, for the Poor, paid for.

The daily morning and evening services, and the Wednesday and Friday lectures, have been continued as usual.

Seaman's Chapel.

[No. Report.]

*Free Church of St. Mary for Sailors,**Richmond Street, Boston.*

THE REV. J. P. ROBINSON, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 13, adults 2,) 15. Marriages, 12. Confirmed, 8. Burials, 26. Communicants, 85. Sunday School: Teachers, 3; Scholars, 25.

The services at St. Mary's during the year have been uninterruptedly maintained. The attendance has been larger than any previous year, and there has been pleasing evidence that the gospel of Christ, truly preached, has been blessed by Him, who alone can give the increase.

Each year, as it has passed, has witnessed the devotion of some of the better class of seamen to the service of their Divine Master, while the word preached has also been made quick and powerful in the conversion of several, who had long been the slaves of sin, and addicted to the grossest habits of vice. One of the adults baptized, confessed that he had been not only indifferent to religion, but in the habit of ridiculing and opposing it. After it pleased God to awaken him to a sense of his condition, he felt that he had sinned so long and wilfully, that it was almost in vain for him to hope for mercy. But God heard his prayer, came to his relief, and it is to be hoped that he is now a monument of pardoning love. He has gone forth a professed disciple of Christ, determined, the Lord being his helper, to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant, unto his life's end.

The following is part of a letter received from this sailor, last week, dated Galveston, December 26, 1856:—

MY DEAR FATHER ROBINSON:—I write to inform you that, poor sinner as I have been, I enjoy comfort and peace in believing. Thank God, I am bound for the port of glory, and pray and strive to continue faithful, that at last I may enter that blessed haven, drop my anchor, furl my sails, and be forever at rest.

If I could but hear your voice, or if there was a Christian

shipmate on board to help me pray, I think I could be quite happy. Instead of prayer there is nothing but oaths and blasphemy around me, and I scarcely know how to keep up my heart. In my temptation and weakness, I try to do as you directed, and seek strength and grace from God. Since I have begun to pray, I find even on shipboard, times to pray which I never thought of before. Sometimes I hope I have found that blessed Saviour with me, who was in the ship with his disciples. That was the last sermon I heard you preach. And when I think of what you said that night, how thankful I am I was there, and that I had been at St. Mary's four Sundays. My Bible I read every day. If it were not for my Prayer Book I should want words to pray. I have read the Test of Truth, Come to Jesus, and nearly all the tracts you gave me. I leave my books sometimes on my chest, and now and then, find one of the men reading them. Pardon my presumption in writing you,

I remain your obliged friend.

The weekly visitation at the Marine Hospital, at Chelsea, has been continued as formerly.

The number of Bibles given to seamen going to sea, is as follows:—English 350; Portuguese 35; Spanish 12; French 2; Italian 3; Welsh 1. Testaments:—English 535; Portuguese 85; Spanish 65; French 20; Italian 10; Swedish 60; Danish 40; Dutch 20; German 20. Total, 403 Bibles; 855 Testaments; 450 Prayer Books; 1250 Religious books.

Tracts and religious papers have been freely given to seamen and others in attendance at the church.

To shipwrecked and destitute seamen, have been given 65 flannel shirts, 70 pairs flannel drawers, 4 dozen woollen socks, 1 dozen guernsey shirts, and 2 dozen undershirts.

Second hand clothing to a much larger amount, including some excellent outside garments, have also been given to the needy and suffering.

The Rector thankfully adds that his church has been thoroughly repaired at an outlay of upwards of \$600, cheerfully contributed by our merchants, and is free from any debt for the current expenses of the year.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :

HOUSE OF CORRECTION, Boston.

Since the last Convention, there have been 1 Baptism and 8 Burials in connection with this Institution. I have regularly officiated in the Chapel twice every Sunday, besides attending a daily religious service during the week. The number of prisoners attending my ministrations in this Institution, averages about five hundred.

In May last, I accepted the appointment of Chaplain to the Lunatic Hospital, in addition to my other chaplaincy. With this unfortunate class of persons, I hold a service at 9 o'clock, each Sunday morning, before commencing at the House of Correction, and visit them occasionally during the week, as I find opportunity for doing so.

Thus, with preaching three times on Sunday, and the labors of both appointments during the week, I find my time fully occupied. And the hope that these labors are not in vain, encourages me to continue therein according to the strength given me.

J. T. BURBELL,

Chaplain of House of Correction, and Lunatic Hospital.

St. Luke's Church, Chelsea.

THE REV. WILLIAM S. BARTLET, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 15. Communicants: added, 9; died or removed, 10; present number, 62. Marriages, 4. Burials, 6. Sunday School Scholars, 60. Missionary Contributions: Massachusetts Board, \$15; Other Contributions for Religious Objects: by Sunday School Scholars, for Instruction and Library books for themselves, \$7.17; for a local Charitable Society, \$10.27; amount of Communion Alms, \$68.97. Total, \$86.41.

Over \$200 have been raised by the Ladies of the Parish, which sum has been applied to current expenses and to paying

the permanent debt on the church and land. Five hundred dollars of this debt have been paid during the past Conventional year. A like sum remains due, of which more than one half has been subscribed, with a fair prospect of obtaining the balance in a short time.

A general indifference to religion marks this town. It has been ascertained that five thousand people, nearly one half of the population, attend no place of public worship, while at the same time many of the churches are said to be not more than one half filled.

The modern delusion of Spiritualism, (if indeed its moving power be not as ancient as the time of Job,) finds sufficient advocates to warrant a distinct organization, with a settled minister at its head.

Essex County.

St. Peter's Church, Salem.

THE REV. GEORGE LEEDS, Rector.

Baptisms, 20. Confirmed, 7. Added to the Communion, 16; removed, 22; died, 6; present number, 240. Marriages, 8. Burials, 16. Services on Sundays and other days, 164. Sunday School: Teachers, 18; Scholars, 140. Offerings: General Board of Missions, \$200; Missions in the Diocese, \$163.25; Church Building in destitute places, \$100; Communion Alms and collections for the Poor, \$340; Widows and Orphans of the Clergy, \$40; "Griswold Press" for Oregon, from the Sunday School, \$20; added to the fund of the Ladies' Missionary Circle, \$100; repairs and improvements on the church edifice, and liquidation of debt, \$2135; other pious and charitable purposes, \$143.44. Total, \$3241.69.

It will be seen that the number of communicants who are reported as having "removed" from the Parish, is unusually large. This is owing to the circumstance that the list has been revised by the Rector, who has stricken out the names of several

communicants no longer residents in Salem, and who never, in fact, have come under his charge.

It will also be remarked, that a considerable portion of the sum contributed during the year for objects of charity and religion, has been applied to purposes of a strictly parochial character. By the generous zeal of the parishioners, the Church has been relieved of a debt of many years standing, the edifice thoroughly repaired, and the interior of the building tastefully improved and beautified, and furnished with the means of lighting by gas. The Rector desires to put upon record his grateful acknowledgments for these marks of interest, and to see in them tokens of fairer promise for the future.

Much credit is due to the Committee of the Wardens and Vestry, by whom these matters were forwarded, and particularly to the members of the Ladies' Missionary Circle, — always ready to co-operate in every work of goodness.

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

THE REV. JOHN B. RICHMOND, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 13. Communicants, 53. Marriages, 5. Burials, 10. Confirmed, 5. Sunday School: Teachers, 7; Scholars, 70. Contributions for Missions, \$134.82. Gas in church, and other expenses, \$270.63. Total, \$405.45.

This Parish, during the past year, has kept on in the even tenor of its way, happy and prosperous.

The members of the Sewing Circle have exhibited their accustomed energy and perseverance, and by their labors have put the gas into the church, and removed all outstanding obligations against the Parish.

In addition to the regular services, lectures for the young were commenced in November, for the first and third Sunday evenings of each month, (as last year,) and so crowded have they been as to require all the settees, chairs and benches from the lecture room, and many then going away, unable to find sittings.

May the blessing of God be still vouchsafed to this Parish of more than a century and a quarter's growth, and may the voice of prayer and praise still continue to ascend within its time-honored and time-hallowed walls; and may a pure gospel be preached in all its fulness and power, to the glory of God and the salvation of men.

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

THE REV. W. HORTON, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 18. Communicants added, 17; died or removed, 5; present number, about 120. Confirmed, 8. Sunday School Scholars, 90. Marriages, 11. Funerals, 18. Class in Catechism, 70. Bible Class, 30; Communion Offerings, \$96.18. Benevolent objects, \$217. Theological Students, \$125. Foreign Missions, \$16. Domestic Missions, \$96. Diocesan Missions, \$70. Total, \$620.18.

For many years this Parish has been encumbered with a debt, which has much retarded its growth. By the generosity of a few individuals, — and of one especially, a former member of this Parish, — the balance of the debt has been entirely removed during the last year, and the Parish is now freed from all past obligations.

The congregation, during the past year, has been steadily increasing in numbers; and it may be said to be double what it was three years ago. We fear its inward growth has not been equal to its outward prosperity. The number of communicants is larger than at any previous period.

St. James's Church, Amesbury.

THE REV. R. F. CHASE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 5, adults 3,) 8. Communicants: added, 6; removed, 3; present number, 40. Confirmed, 6. Marriages, 1. Burials, 7. Sunday School Scholars, about 40. Contributions: Offertory, \$31.52; Massachusetts Board of Missions,

\$8.31; Domestic Board, \$4; Eastern District Church Missionary Association, \$8.24; the Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$8.29; Christ Church, Matagorda, Texas, \$5.86; Ladies' Sewing Circle, (by means of a sale,) \$145; other contributions, \$42.43. Total, \$253.65.

In connection with the required statistics, it may be proper to record a Christmas gift of a silver communion set, from the Rev. Benjamin Dorr, D.D., Rector of Christ Church, Philadelphia, and Esther K. Odin, his wife, — a memorial of their father, the late Edward Dorr, Esq., a communicant of this Church.

From these sacred vessels may the precious memorials of a Saviour's love be dispensed to faithful worshippers, "for generations to come;" and may the kind and generous donors experience the reality of the words of the Lord Jesus, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Christ Church, Andover.

THE REV. SAMUEL FULLER, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 1, infants 11,) 12. Confirmed, 6. Communicants: added, 11; died and removed, 13; present number, 63. Marriages, 4. Burials, 11. Sunday School Scholars, 70. Missionary and other Contributions: Foreign Committee of the General Board, \$80; Domestic Committee, \$45.72; Missionary at Haverhill, \$50; Church at Haverhill, \$80; Widows' and Orphans' Society, \$17.34; Church at Oberlin, Ohio, \$10.83; Parish Objects, \$90.80. Total, \$404.67.

As three of the eight Trustees of the Free School, founded in this town by the late Benjamin Hanover Pynchard, Esq., upon an endowment of \$50,000, are by his will the Rector of Christ Church, Andover, and two of its lay members, chosen triennially by the towns of Andover and North Andover, it seems proper to record in this report the fact that the edifice has been completed, and the school opened under the care of Mr. Nathan M. Belden, recently one of the Faculty of Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.; the first Principal, Mr. Peter S. Byers, a de-

voted communicant with us from his youth, having to our deep regret, died soon after the last Convention, and before the school was ready to go into operation.

Francis Cogswell, Esq., for several years the faithful Superintendent of the Sunday School, has been compelled by other duties to relinquish his useful labors. He has been succeeded by Mr. Belden, Principal of the Punchard Free School.

Not a few valuable communicants, who were with us a year since, are no longer here to co-operate in the performance of our Christian stewardship; some having removed to distant places, and others been taken away by death, impressively reminding us by their departure that we who are permitted to remain must renew our diligence, and work more zealously for Christ, while our day of probation lasts.

It has long been the decided conviction of the present Rector, that the best interests of this important Parish would be greatly promoted by the erection of a larger and more substantial church edifice; and he cannot but prayerfully express the hope, that the time is not far distant when this very desirable work will be accomplished. Although we cannot recal the past, we may learn wisdom from it. "*Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they plenteously bringing forth the fruit of goods works, may by thee be plenteously rewarded, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*"

St. Stephen's Church, Lynn.

THE REV. ISAAC W. HALLAM, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 20, adults 1,) 21. Burials, 11. Marriages, 3. Confirmed, 4. Communicants: added, 6; removed, 3; died, 1; present number, 58. Sunday School, 55. Contributions: Diocesan Missions, \$29; Offertory, \$54.24; Special, \$10; Ladies' Sewing Society, \$22.59; Repairs on church, \$100. Total, \$206.83.

The public services have been better attended the past year, and the general state of the Parish is not without some signs of encouragement and improvement.

Grace Church, Lawrence.

THE REV. GEORGE PACKARD, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 37. Communicants: added, 17; removed, 5; present number, 115. Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 9. Burials, 22. Sunday School: Superintendent, 1; Librarian, 1; Teachers, (males 5, females 14,) 19; Scholars, 140. Parochial Contributions: Foreign Missions, \$10.50; General Domestic Missions, \$10.50; Church at Camden, Me., \$20; at Oberlin, Ohio, \$5; Special Missions of Eastern District, \$18.75; Massachusetts Board of Missions, \$10; American Sunday School Union, \$27.86; Tracts and Papers for circulation in the Parish, \$25.14; For purposes of Sunday School, \$55; Offertory, \$184.84. Total, \$367.59.

*Middlesex County.**Christ Church, Cambridge.*

THE REV. N. HOPPIN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 20, adults 2,) 22. Communicants: died or removed, 18; added, 19; present number, 141. Confirmed, 9. Marriages, 10. Burials, 12. Sunday School Scholars, about 50. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$100; Massachusetts Board, \$102; Church of St. Mary for Seamen, Boston, \$50; for Font, \$212.25; Communion Offertory, \$274.50. Total, \$738.75.

Christ Church has continued in a prosperous state during the past year. A beautiful and costly stone font, the gift of the Ladies of the Parish, was placed in the church at Christmas.

St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport.

[No Report.]

St. Anne's Church, Lowell.

THE REV. THEODORE EDSON, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 127, adults 15,) 142. Communicants : added, 30; died or removed, 24; present number, 361. Confirmed, 33. Married, 23. Burials, 53. Sunday School Scholars, 300. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$141; Diocesan Missions, \$175; Other Contributions for Religious purposes, \$400. Total, \$716.

St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls.

THE REV. HENRY BURBOURGH, JR., Minister.

Baptisms, (infants 4, adults 2,) 6. Communicants : added 5; present number, 114. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 1. Burials, 9. Sunday School Scholars, 100. Contributions: Domestic Missions, \$45; Communion Alms, \$50; collected in the Parish for persons in need, not far from \$200; the weekly offerings of the Sunday School amounted to \$37.79, of which \$11.41 were appropriated to Domestic Missions, and are included in the amount above reported as contributed by this Church. Total, \$300.

The present Minister entered upon the temporary charge of the Parish on the first of November. Before that time the Church was supplied by the Rev. Andrew Croswell and others. The list of communicants has been carefully examined, and the number reported is believed to be correct, although it is less than the number reported last year.

Grace Church, Newton Corner.

THE REV. J. S. COPLEY GREENE, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 1, infants 21,) 22. Confirmed, 7. Communicants : added, 22; left, 8; present number, 50. Burials, 2. Sunday School: Scholars, 103; Teachers and Librarian, 13;

Contributions, \$50. Parish Contributions for Missionary and other Societies, \$116.63. Other Contributions, besides the support of public worship, about \$1600. Total \$1766.63.

On the 10th of February last I took charge of this Parish, as Rector. On the 24th of February I was admitted to full orders, and ordained at Christ Church, Waltham. The following week the Vestry obtained the sole control of the Hall, and on March 2d our first Sunday morning service was held there, and the Communion administered.

Services have been kept up regularly since that day. The attendance averages rather over a hundred. There are about fifty families belonging to our Parish. The Ladies' Sewing Society have added \$504.25 to the amount reported last year, and they have given the whole (\$904.24) towards purchasing land for a church. Other subscriptions have been added, and a lot of about 4500 feet has been purchased, at ten cents a foot. It was found very difficult to get a lot of sufficient size, in an eligible position, and this seemed the best thing that could be done now. Twelve hundred dollars are wanting to complete the amount of the purchase money. I hope that the Parish will be able to erect a chapel during the coming year. The attendance at our services, since we commenced, has been encouraging; and I think there is evidence that what has been done has received a blessing from the Lord. To Him be the praise.

St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton.

THE REV. ALFRED L. BAURY, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 3. Communicants: present number, about 23. Burials, 2. Marriages, 2. Missionary Contributions, \$7.30.

This church has been regularly opened for public worship once a fortnight, every Sunday, from June to November, inclusive, being six months of the year last past. Such other official duties have been attended to as the circumstances of the Parish required, and the distant residence of the Rector from Hopkin-

ton, rendered practicable. The attendance on divine service has been uniformly respectable, and on some occasions quite encouraging.

The burial service has also been performed, and a funeral sermon preached in the Orthodox Congregational meeting house in Ashland, four miles distant from St. Paul's. The congregation assembled on that solemn occasion, consisting principally of persons who, probably, had never before witnessed the performance of any office of the Church. They seemed devout, and, we trust, were edified.

In this place, the Church has some fast friends, — especially the members of a respected family, among whom we number five communicants. These estimable persons attend constantly on our ministrations in Hopkinton, and contribute not a little towards strengthening our hands, and encouraging our efforts in attempting to sustain the interests of the Church in this desolate portion of the Diocese.

Some two years since, I occasionally officiated in the deserted Unitarian meeting house in Southborough, where were gratuitously distributed more than seventy copies of the Book of Common Prayer. Circumstances have not since been favorable for repeating my visits, or sustaining even an occasional public ministration in that neighborhood. This "lack of service" on my part, I am happy however to report, has been partially supplied by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Southgate, and the Rev. Alexander H. Vinton, D.D., of Boston, who, having parishioners residing in Southborough, at their request, officiated here during the summer, one Sunday each, performing divine service, and preaching forenoon and afternoon to respectable congregations. As has also the Rev. Mr. Peters, of the Diocese of New York, while on a visit to his friends in this place. Could a competent missionary be sustained by our Diocesan Board of Missions in Hopkinton, who should officiate there, and in parts adjacent, "a good work," through the divine blessing, would surely be effected.

St. John's Church, Charlestown.

THE REV. THOMAS R. LAMBERT, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 80, adults 11,) 91. Communicants, 167. Confirmed, 37. Marriages, 8. Burials, 28. Sunday School: Superintendent, 1; Librarian, 1; Teachers, 20; Scholars, 143; average attendance: Teachers, 17; Scholars, 84. Contributions: from Sunday School, Library, Missions, etc., \$28.61; from congregation, for similar purposes, \$49.50; Nashotah Mission, \$120; Diocesan Missions, \$55; Western Church Extension Society, \$23.25; Trinity Church, Haverhill, \$20; City Mission, \$50; St. Mary's Church, Boston, \$30.28; Communion Offerings, \$254.23. Total, \$631.20.

The Ladies' Benevolent Sewing Society have been engaged in making and distributing articles of clothing for the Poor, a portion of which has been given to the Rector of St. Mary's Church, Boston, for destitute seamen.

The statistics above would seem to indicate this Parish in a prosperous condition. The debt of \$4500 has been entirely provided for within the year, — \$2500 having been paid in, and the remaining \$2000 secured in good notes, which will soon be matured.

In addition to which, a bell, weighing over three thousand pounds, the munificent gift of one to whom St. John's Parish is largely indebted for many similar acts of liberality, was placed in the tower of the Church on St. John the Baptist's day, bearing the following inscription:

"Presented to St. John's Church, Charlestown, by Peter Hubbell, Esq., Senior Warden, June 24th, 1856. *Venite exultamus Domino.*"

Grace Church, Medford.

THE REV. JUSTIN FIELD, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 5. Marriages, 1. Communicants: added, 6; died or removed, 7; present number, 44. Missionary

Contributions: General Board, for Foreign Missions, \$30; Diocesan Missions, \$34.

Christ Church, Waltham.

THE REV. THOMAS F. FALES, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 6, adults 3,) 9. Communicants: added, 12; died or removed, 10; present number, 72. Confirmed, 9. Marriages, 2. Burials, 10. Sunday School: Teachers, 6; Scholars, 86. Missionary Contributions: Massachusetts Board, \$41; General Board, \$137.87; Sunday School Missionary Collections, \$20; Eastern District Missionary Association, \$67.50; other Contributions, \$227.23. Total, \$493.60.

Our Ladies, by their industry, have raised the sum of \$413.75, which has been appropriated, in part, to the Eastern District Church Missionary Association, to the assistance of feeble parishes, and to various parochial purposes.

During the past year there have been many changes in our congregation; but the number in attendance was never larger, or the grounds for encouragement more decided than at present.

Trinity Church, Melrose.

THE REV. W. H. MUNROE, Rector.

Baptisms, 9. Communicants, 26. Burials, 1. Families, 42. Sunday School Scholars, 48. Teachers, 6. Bible Classes, 1. Missionary contributions: Domestic, \$7.07; Alms at the Offertory, \$21.23; By the Ladies' Sewing Circle, \$200.00. Total, \$228.30.

Regular services were commenced in Melrose on the 25th of May last. Since which time, there has been a constant and steady increase in the attendance on public worship, and I am free to say that I know of no field which presents a more favorable aspect for the prosperity of our beloved Church than Melrose. The ladies have, during the past year, through their untiring efforts, raised the laudable sum of \$200, and I am happy to

say that there is but one feeling pervading the hearts and minds of all connected with this Parish, and that is, its welfare and prosperity; and I am confident that, with the Divine blessing, the Church cannot fail to reap an abundant harvest here. It is our intention during the coming year to erect a chapel; measures having been already taken to purchase a suitable lot for that purpose.

Norfolk County.

Christ Church, Quincy.

THE REV. GORDON M. BRADLEY, Rector.

Report for 1855-1856.

Baptisms, (infants 4, adult 2,) 6. Communicants: added 5; died, 4; present number, 55. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 1. Burials, 8. Sunday School Scholars, 40. Teachers, 7. Communion Alms, \$25.97. Missions: Foreign, \$28.34; Domestic, \$16.00. Total, \$70.81.

Report for 1856-1857.

Baptisms, infants, 8. Communicants: added, 3; removed, 2; present number, 56. Marriages, 2. Burials, 6. Sunday School: Scholars, 48; Teachers, 9. Communion Alms, \$48.40. Missions: Foreign, \$47.00; Domestic, \$31.00. For two stoves for the church, \$51.00. Total, \$187.40.

St. Paul's Church, Dedham.

THE REV. SAMUEL B. BABCOCK, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 8. Communicants: present number, 118. Marriages, 3. Burials, 4. Sunday School Scholars, 60. Missionary contributions: African Missions, \$30; Diocesan Missions, \$58.34; American Sunday School Union, \$52.48; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$82.50; Board of Missions to Seamen, \$37.50; Church in Ohio, \$20; Church in Maine, \$10; Church in New Brunswick, \$20; Clergy aided, \$60; Communion

Alms, \$52.56; Bishop Lee, \$10; Bishop Scott, \$10. Total, \$443.38.

Our recent beautiful church was consumed by fire December 7th, 1856. Another will rise in its stead. Our confirmation is deferred for the present, and candidates will be invited to the Communion till we have a new church.

St. James's Church, Roxbury.

THE REV. JOHN WAYLAND, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 2, infants 17,) 19. Marriages, 2. Burials, 9. Confirmed, 4, and one additional from Trinity Parish, Boston; received, 29; present number of Communicants, 130. The Sunday School varies in number, according to the season of the year. Many of the children have been furnished with comfortable clothing, by the ladies connected with the Dorcas Society, whose benevolent exertions, in this, and other ways, have mitigated the sufferings of the aged, the sick, and the poor. The School has a devoted band of Teachers, whose labors are doing much good, and aiding the Rector in promoting the Spiritual interests of the Parish.

Contributions: Offertory at the Holy Communion, \$193.89; Foreign, Domestic, and Diocesan Missions, \$380. Total, \$573.89.

The parish have, with laudable zeal and enterprise, placed a new and excellent Organ in the church, at a cost of several hundred dollars. This, together with the late repairs, has greatly improved and beautified the interior appearance of the building. It is now proposed to furnish it with gas fixtures, which will supply a want long felt, and greatly facilitate the holding of evening services when desirable. A number of pews has lately been taken. The attendance upon Divine worship is increasing. A spirit of union and harmony prevails among us; and a growing interest is manifested, by the members of the parish, in its welfare, and a readiness to make personal efforts to sustain and strengthen it. May God reward them for all they have done,

and dispose them to abound yet more in works of faith and labors of love. When there is one mind, and one heart, the hindrances to the prosperity of a parish quickly vanish. It is worthy of notice, that during the year, not a single head of a family belonging to the parish, has died. A like fact, I have never before been able to record. It certainly calls for gratitude to Him, with whom are the issues of life and death.

St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain.

THE REV. WILLIAM R. BABCOCK, Rector.

The present Rector entered upon his duties in the early part of last May. Since that time, the following records have been made in the Parish Register :

Baptisms, (infants 7, adults 2,) 9. Communicants: died, 2; removed, 3; added, 18; present number, 90. Marriages, 7. Burials, 4. Sunday School: Teachers, 12; Scholars, 50. Contributions: General Missionary Board, \$120; Massachusetts Board, \$50; to aid Feeble Parishes in the Diocese, \$121.20; Griswold Press for Bishop Scott, \$20; Sunday School Library, \$40; Communion Alms, \$180. Total, \$531.20.

A subscription of \$1000 has just been raised to meet arrearages accruing from repairs on the church and rectory, and from other causes. The weekly offerings, for the year, of our small Sunday School, amount to \$77.76. A beautiful stone font has recently been placed in the church by a lady, to whom the Parish has been, in many ways, a debtor. A class of candidates will be presented for confirmation, in the spring.

Our little church is now entirely full, and it is hoped that an effort will soon be made for its enlargement.

St. Mary's Church, Dorchester.

THE REV. EDWARD L. DROWN, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 17. Communicants: present number, about 80. Marriages, 2. Burials, 4. Charities: Missions,

Foreign, \$22; Domestic, \$10; Diocesan, for Sandwich, \$25; Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$32; other objects, \$219.82. In addition, there have been raised by the Ladies and by subscription about \$500; making the total amount of collections for religious purposes about \$800.

During the past year, our church edifice has been extensively and very beautifully enlarged, at a cost of nearly \$3000. The appearance, externally and internally, has been much improved. The enlargement caused a suspension of the public services for two months; circumstances resulting from this have prevented the annual visitation of the Bishop. A number of candidates are waiting for confirmation.

The Ladies, with their accustomed zeal and liberality, have placed in the church a chaste and beautiful black-walnut pulpit. The Sunday School still remains small, — Scholars, about 50; Teachers, 8. As the number of infants baptized, during the last eighteen months, in addition to those now waiting for that sacrament, exceeds forty, we think the future prospects of the School are encouraging.

The Rector has just commenced holding Sunday-evening services in the rapidly-increasing village of Port-Norfolk, some two miles distant from St. Mary's Church. A fine hall has been secured, and an excellent voluntary choir has been obtained. The great interest manifested, thus far, encourages the hope that permanent good may result from the undertaking.

St. Paul's Church, Brookline.

THE REV. JOHN S. STONE, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 1, infants 11,) 12. Confirmed, 8. Communicants, 80. Marriages, 5. Burials, 3. Benevolent Contributions, \$2,400; appropriated as follows: to the cause of Theological Education, \$683.39; sundry Parishes in Massachusetts, \$383; Foreign Missions, \$339.06; Domestic Missions, \$241;

Sunday School cause, \$190; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$120; General Education, \$112.70; the Poor, \$330.85.

Plymouth County.

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.

THE REV. SAMUEL CUTLER, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 3. Communicants: added, 2; died or removed, 6; present number, 104. Confirmed, 1. Marriages, 2. Burials, 4. Sunday School: Teachers, 8; Scholars, 46. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$95; Foreign Missions, \$60; Episcopal Missionary Association for the West, \$35; Massachusetts Board, \$45.18. Other Contributions: for Tracts, "Parish Visitor" and "Carrier Dove," distributed in the Parish, \$19.26; to the Evangelical Knowledge Society, including three life memberships of \$50 each, \$185; for aid in building churches, \$55; for American Bible Society, \$22.13; Widows and Orphans, \$20; Bishop White Prayer Book Society, \$10; American Sunday School Union, \$12.42; for Seamen, \$17.53; from the Sunday School, for Griswold Press, \$10. Total, \$491.52.

It is gratifying to the Rector that he is able to report a larger amount of collections for missionary and benevolent purposes, than in any preceding year of his ministry in the Parish; and, more especially, inasmuch as, during the year, a liberal addition has been made to his own salary. "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth." May the Lord add those spiritual blessings which shall make us rich indeed.

Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

[No Report.]

Christ Church, Plymouth.

[No Report.]

Bristol County.*St. Thomas's Church, Taunton.*

THE REV. EDMUND NEVILLE, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 16, adults 2,) 18. Communicants: added, 2; died or removed, 10; present number, 139. Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 4. Burials, 20. Sunday School Scholars, 315. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$72.35; Massachusetts Board, \$12.67. Total, \$85.02.

The Incumbent of this Parish entered on his duties in September last, and the report of its contributions includes only such as have been made since that period; but the other Parochial statistics apply to the whole Conventional year. The present church edifice, built and consecrated in the year 1829, being out of repair, and not large enough for the congregation, arrangements have been made to erect a new one of stone, which has already been contracted for, and upwards of \$30,000 subscribed for its completion. This is substantially the same subscription which was obtained during the Rectorship of my predecessor, the Rev. Mr. Snow.

Although this Parish has passed through many vicissitudes, its peace and tranquillity have not been broken by outward events. It has experienced a slow but steady and continuous growth. The recognition of the Divine agency in all events, and of his faithfulness and loving kindness, has sustained the people under every discouragement. There have been many valuable accessions to the Church since the present Rector last had charge of this Parish, and there are 315 children receiving instruction in our Sunday Schools, who it may be hoped will maintain the cause of Episcopacy here, after the present generation of Churchmen have gone to their rest. The Sunday School children have contributed \$120 to benevolent objects, and support two beneficiaries in our Foreign Missionary Schools.

Grace Church, New Bedford.

THE REV. SPENCER M. RICE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 27, adults 6,) 33. Communicants: added, 15; present number, 130. Confirmed, 7. Number of families connected with the Parish is 102; number of individuals is about 400. Marriages, 15. Burials, 16. Sunday Schools, 1; Teachers, 15; Scholars, 120. Contributions: Alms, \$107; Diocesan Missions, \$29.46; Domestic Missions, \$25.11; Sandwich, \$15; Bible Society \$25; Nashotah, \$24.62; for Iowa, \$45.98; for the Parish at Oberlin, Ohio, \$10; St. David's, New Brunswick, \$26; Trinity Church, Pawtucket, \$10, for Parish Sunday School, \$51; Sunday School in New Jersey, \$50; for the Jews, \$5.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle have also procured furniture for the chancel and wardrobe, to the amount of \$108.12. The foundation has also been laid for a Parish Library. The total amount of Contributions for various purposes during the year is about \$561.54.

The year just closed has been one of interest and prosperity to the Church. The congregation, as will be seen, has very much increased, and is still increasing. God's blessing has been upon us, and our prayer is that it may continue with us, for which we will not cease both to labor and to pray.

Church of the Ascension, Fall River.

THE REV. E. M. PORTER, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 54, adults 1,) 55. Communicants: added, 14; died or removed, 7; present number, 97. Confirmed, 9. Marriages, 16. Burials, 21. Sunday Scholars, about 220; average attendance, 140. Missionary Contributions: Foreign Missions, (Africa,) \$2.03; Domestic Missions, Iowa and Oregon,

§7. Other Religious and Benevolent Purposes: Communion Alms, \$28.63; for the Sunday School, \$58.54; other Parochial purposes, \$10.65; for the Church in Pawtucket, \$37. Of the above contributions \$26.31 were contributed by the Sunday School. Total of contributions, \$188.85.

This Parish is struggling, in the midst of a population fluctuating and unstable, to maintain its self-support which it undertook nearly two years since.

Christ Church, Swansea.

THE REV. WILLIAM B. COLBURN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 1, adults 1,) 2. Communicants: added, 1; present number, 12. Confirmed, 1. Burials, 1. Sunday School Scholars, about 30. Collections: for Diocesan Missions, \$10; General Domestic Missions, \$3; Sunday School, for Foreign Missions, \$3.56; Offertory, \$4.37; Ladies' Sewing Circle, for various Parochial purposes, \$86. Total, \$106.93.

Though this is, in many respects, decidedly a feeble Parish, yet there are some encouraging tokens. The attendance upon the afternoon services of Sunday, has generally been good, and the Sunday School is in an interesting and hopeful condition. The hallowed influence which the solemn worship and Scriptural institutions of our beloved Church ever exert, is plainly visible in the surrounding community. And the Pastor has reason to hope that his humble labors have been attended, in some measure, with the influences of the Holy Spirit, without whom "nothing is strong, nothing is holy."

Trinity Church, Pawtucket.

THE REV. J. S. TOWNSEND, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 6, infants 7,) 13. Confirmed, 18. Marriages, 4. Burials, 6. Communicants, 90. Sunday School: Teachers, 10; Pupils, 90. Collection for Expenses of Conven-

tion, \$5; and also the same sum for making up the deficiency of last year for this object; Diocesan Missions, \$14.52; Sunday School purposes, \$60; Offertory, \$26.55; weekly collections for Parish purposes, \$85.06. Total, \$196.07.

In addition to the above, several hundred dollars have been contributed by different members of the Parish toward the removal of an old debt, and for finishing the tower and furnishing it with a suitable bell. When I took charge of the Parish, about three years since, it was about \$2000 in debt, mainly from recent building. The new church was unfinished, and more than half of the pews in it were private property. The Parish had always been dependent upon the Diocesan Board of Missions for from one to two hundred dollars yearly, to enable them to sustain services. Thus it continued until last spring, when the owners of all except two pews were prevailed upon to donate them forever to the Corporation for annual renting to defray current expenses. This donation, however, was conditioned upon the raising of a sufficient sum to remove the debt and finish the tower and furnish a bell. Upwards of \$3000 were required for this purpose, which sum is now nearly obtained, and will be fully secured, before the close of the Missionary year. We shall thus become at once and permanently self-supporting; and render sincere and hearty thanks to the Board of Missions, and to our many kind friends in the Diocese and elsewhere, by whose assistance we have accomplished the work of the past year.

Nantucket County.

St. Paul's Church, Nantucket.

THE REV. CHARLES H. CANFIELD, Rector.

Divine service has been held twice every Sunday through the year, and for most of the time a third service. Lecture on Friday evenings through Lent. Baptisms, children, 3. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 4. Suspended from the Holy Communion, 3; present number of Communicants, 30. Collected for Dio-

cesan Missions, at the annual visitation of the Bishop, \$6.53. Within the past year we have repaired our little church, so that it has inside a very neat and church-like appearance.

There is here a small, but faithful band of brethren, who do all in their power to support the institutions of the Church, but they are poor in this world's goods, and therefore unable to do much. Notwithstanding this, we have hope that the day will come when the little one will be strong, and able to do much for the spread of the truth, as it is in Jesus, on this island.

Worcester County.

St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville.

THE REV. BENJAMIN H. CHASE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 3, adults 1,) 4. Communicants: added, 5; died, 2; present number, 74. Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 1. Burials, 6. Sunday School Scholars, 60. Missionary Contributions: for Foreign Missions, \$12; for Domestic Missions, \$10; Society for Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$5; Offertory, \$15.90; Sunday School Contributions, \$20.03. Total, \$62.93. For church repairs and alterations, \$432.

We think we are warranted in reporting a gradual improvement in the condition of this Parish. During the past year, our congregations have shown a small increase upon the average of the previous year. This is encouraging, when it is considered that the population here has not varied materially in number, for many years. From a population of less than eighteen hundred, about one quarter of which are Roman Catholics, who attend Church elsewhere, four congregations are drawn. Of these, ours is one, with an average attendance in pleasant weather of fully one hundred.

The congregation consists mainly of serious and devout persons, who are regular in their attendance upon the services of the Church.

They are liberal, according to their means, in their contributions for religious and charitable purposes, among which I would here make grateful mention of many acts of kindness and liberality towards myself.

During the past year, quite extensive repairs and alterations have been made in our church, at a cost of \$632. Of this sum \$432 have been raised and paid within the Parish. The unsolicited and generous gift of \$50, we gratefully acknowledge from the Bishop of the Diocese. There yet remain \$150 not provided for. Will our friends to whom this statement may come, take knowledge of our condition, and supply our need?

We have greatly improved the appearance of our church, and added much to its convenience and comfort. The repairs and alterations which have been made, are the first of any extent, which have taken place since the erection of the church — about twenty-eight years ago.

The females of the Parish, both in an associated and individual capacity, have generously aided in meeting the outlays for church repairs.

Our Sunday School has an excellent Superintendent and a band of efficient and devoted Teachers, but is not as numerously and regularly attended as it ought to be.

We bless God for the degree of prosperity vouchsafed to us, and pray it may not be diminished through our unfaithfulness.

All Saints' Church, Worcester.

THE REV. A. M. MORRISON, Rector.

THE REV. WM. H. BROOKS, in temporary charge of the Parish.

Baptisms, (infants 14, adults 2,) 16. Communicants: added, 25; died or removed, 15; present number, 89. Confirmed, 6. Marriages, 5. Burials, 6. Sunday School: Teachers, 6; Scholars, 32. Contributions: Communion Alms, \$70.24; City (Worcester) Mission, \$30; Diocesan Missions, \$31.05; Domestic Missions, \$12.25; Sunday School, for Griswold Press, \$10; Foreign Missions, (Church \$11.40, Sunday School \$40,) \$51.40;

Orphan's Home, (Worcester,) \$50; City (Worcester) Relief Organization, \$50; Female Employment Society, (Worcester,) \$40; Worcester County Bible Society, \$13.65; American Tract Society, \$9; American Sunday School Union, \$7.25; Christ Church, Oberlin, Ohio, \$10; Society for the Relief of Aged and Indigent Clergymen, \$17.58; Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$7.09; the Ladies' Missionary Sewing Circle of the Parish, (in addition to their contributions of money, included in the above statistics,) a box of clothing for the Colonists at Cape Palmas, West Africa, valued at \$40. Total, \$449.51.

On the first of October last I assumed the charge of this Parish, having accepted an invitation to officiate in it for one year, during the absence of the Rector in Europe.

Christ Church, Clappville.

THE REV. J. H. ROUSE, Rector.

[Report for two years.]

Baptisms, (infants 25, adults 5,) 30. Confirmed, 6. Marriages, 5. Burials, 9. Communicants: added, 7; died or removed, 6; present number, about 40. Sunday School: Teachers, 6; Scholars, 40. Contributions, within and without the Parish, \$75.

St. John's Church, Millville.

THE REV. A. B. GOODRICH, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 32, adults 3,) 35. Communicants: added, 12; died, 2; removed, 7; present number, 73. Confirmed, 10. Marriages, 3. Burials, 9. Sunday School: Teachers, 11; Scholars, about 65. Contributions: for Missions, Domestic, \$54; Foreign, including Children's Easter Offering for Africa, \$48; Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$27; Special Collection at Christmas, \$37; Communion Alms, \$63.51. Total, \$229.51.

The ladies of the Sewing Circle have contributed, in articles of clothing and money for the poor and for Nashotah, about \$75. They are now engaged in raising funds for a Parish Library, which is found to be greatly needed.

Notwithstanding the disadvantage of a somewhat small and changing population, the Parish is making a steady advance in real strength and prosperity.

The Sunday School has greatly improved during the past year. At Christmas, there is a Festival for the Children, and at Easter they present their offerings for Missions.

The Sunday-evening services at Blackstone, mentioned in my last report, have been continued during the greater part of the year, but are now temporarily suspended for want of a suitable room in which to hold them. We hope, however, to be able to resume them in a short time.

Hampton County.

Christ Church, Springfield.

THE REV. WILLIAM S. CHILD, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 4, infants 18,) 22. Communicants: died, 5; removed, 24; present number, 175. Confirmed, 16. Marriages, 17. Burials, 13. Offerings: for Domestic Missions, Nashotah, \$62.88; the Jews, \$23; Chippewa Mission, \$5; Domestic Committee, \$68. Total, \$158.88. For Diocesan Missions, \$87.30; for the Church Book Society, \$35; for the Parish Sunday School, \$31.06; for the New York Prayer Book and Bible Society, \$5; for the Protestant Episcopal Tract Society, \$5; for the Parish debt, \$425.09; Communion Alma, \$340.80. Total, \$1088.13.

Grace Church, Chicopee.

[No Report.]

Hampshire County.*St. John's Church, Northampton.*

THE REV. J. P. HUBBARD, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 11. Communicants, 73. Burials, 4. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 2. Sunday School Scholars, 40. Contributions: Foreign Missions, (Church \$58.47, Sunday School \$97.24,) \$155.71; Episcopal Missionary Association for the West, \$32.48; Church at Camden, Me., \$10; Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$10; Diocesan Missions, \$38.66; American Sunday School Union, \$25; Communion collections, \$68.73; Christmas collection for Poor, \$11.34; towards introducing gas, \$110. Total, \$461.92.

In addition to his regular salary, the Rector gratefully acknowledges the receipt of \$200, on Christmas eve.

Gas is about to be introduced into the church, at a probable expense of about \$150, — towards which, as will be seen from the above, \$110 have been received.

Franklin County.*St. James's Church, Greenfield.*

THE REV. WILLIAM FLINT, Rector.

Number of Communicants, 62. Baptisms, (infants 24, adults 1,) 25. Marriages, 15. Deaths, 12. Confirmed, 1. Collections, Foreign and Domestic Missions, \$41.76; Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$10.85.

This Church has suffered much the past year by the removal of several of its communicants; but it is, outwardly, in a flourishing condition. May it be abundantly watered from on high, that so, many may be added to the Church, of such as shall be saved.

St. John's Church, Ashfield.

[No Report.]

Berkshire County.*St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough.*

THE REV. S. BRENTON SHAW, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 3, adults 3,) 6. Communicants: added, 12; died or removed, 10; present number, about 70. Confirmed, 7. Burials, 12. Marriages, 2. Sunday School and Bible Class, 60. Contributions: Communion Offerings, \$20; Foreign Missions, \$2; Diocesan Missions, \$8.13; General Board, \$8.12; Nashotah, \$10; Sunday School, \$10; other Contributions for Religious purposes, \$215. Total, \$263.25.

Although this Church has suffered during the past year, — the loss of five of its most devoted communicants, by death, and as many by removal, — its interests have not been materially affected. An unusual number has been added to the communion; and the funds of the Church will eventually realize a very considerable addition from the estate of the late Laban Lassell. An annuity for the benefit of the Sunday School is to be derived from the same source.

A beautiful Font, of Portland stone, has been presented by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, and a fine linen Surplice, by the Hon. Edward A. Newton. On the whole, although a small band, in a very small town, and surrounded by antagonistic influences, on the right hand and on the left, we have abundant reasons to thank God for the portion of prosperity vouchsafed us, and to take courage.

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.

THE REV. W. H. N. STEWART, Rector.

Since the last Convention, the Rev. Robert J. Parvin, my predecessor, has resigned the Rectorship of this Parish, which I

entered upon in November, last year. At my incoming, I found registered, during 1856, 5 Baptisms, 1 Marriage, 2 Funerals. Since my incoming, there have been 5 Baptisms, 3 persons confirmed, and 3 Funerals. The report for the year, therefore, is : Baptisms, (infants 8, adults 2,) 10. Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 5.

There were 95 Communicants reported to last Convention. On scrutiny of the list of Communicants, I find that since A. D. 1852, there have been 4 deaths, 30 removals, and 7 withdrawals of communicants. One has been suspended from holy communion. The total number of deaths, removals, desertions, and suspensions, since 1852, is, therefore, 42. Deducting that number from 95, the last reported number, *fifty-three* communicants would be left as the probable number at present. The actual number is, however, 72. From this number I have *excluded* those communicants who are pupils in the various seminaries in Pittsfield ; because they are *necessarily* transient ; are probably reported in the Parishes where their parents or guardians are domiciled ; and because I wish to present an accurate report (as far as I can) of the existing condition of the Parish, January 1st, 1857. My predecessor apparently included the communicants belonging to the seminaries here, in his report, and may thus have swelled the number to 95. I shall, henceforth, report this variable element separately, and so preserve the statistics of the Parish from apparently unaccountable fluctuations. Of the *seven* communicants who have withdrawn from the Parish, to attend other places of worship, some are still *legally*, and all are still *canonically*, connected with it, (Revised Statutes of Massachusetts, chap. 20, sec. 4 ; and Canon xiii. of 1853,) and of course still under the jurisdiction of the Rector of the Parish for the time being.

The Sunday School, which has suffered from a long intermission, and consequent scattering of the scholars, has been recommenced with *six* Teachers ; and the Rector himself takes an active part and lively interest in the instruction of the children. The number of children is 38. The financial report is as fol-

lows: Missions of the Church, Foreign \$62.37, Domestic \$22,-95. Communion Alms, \$71.12. Other purposes, \$8.90. Total, \$165.34.

The Parish is now emerging from a painful crisis in its internal relations to some of its own members. I have reason to thank God for the loyalty and firm adherence to the Church, manifested by the parishioners generally, under circumstances calculated to test their stability and affection for it, and its means of grace, and praying for his grace to strengthen those things which remain, I look forward contentedly and hopefully for His help and blessing in the future.

The ladies of the Parish, who in past times have not been deficient in good works, well done, for Christ's sake, are now engaged in further purposes of usefulness, in which I bid them God speed.

St. James's Church, Great Barrington.

THE REV. G. LEWIS PLATT, Rector.

Baptisms, (children 5, adults 2,) 7. Confirmed, 11. Marriages, 9. Burials, 12. Communicants: added, 16; removals, 2; deaths, 3; present number, 131. (Since 1849, there have been 26 deaths, and 29 removals of communicants.) Sunday School: Scholars, 75; Teachers, 10. Contributions: to Diocesan Missions, \$27.79; to Foreign Missions, \$16.64. Sunday School Contributions: to Domestic Missions, \$10.50. Communion Offerings, \$47.93; for Church improvements, \$45; to Great Barrington Bible Society, \$15. Services held during the year, 117. Since confirmation, a large and interesting Bible Class has met every week at the parsonage. Eighty copies of the "Parish Visitor" have been monthly circulated; also thirty copies of the "Carrier Dove," in the Sunday School. The property known as the "Rose Cottage Seminary," on the west side of Main street and Central, has been purchased by five gentlemen of the congregation; and the north cottage, and a church site adjoining it, have been offered by them to the Parish

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for \$5000,—they agreeing to take in return the old church property at \$4000. So that, with the \$1000 legacy, so generously left by the late Dr. R. Hollenbeck, we can thus secure a parsonage and church site, in the most beautiful location in the village. We have already a subscription, just made for a new church, reaching about \$8000; and there are good reasons to hope that this noble enterprise will be successfully and creditably carried through. It is but just to say, that great credit is due to the ladies of the Parish, who have accumulated nearly \$1000 by their united efforts to carry forward the work of improvement. One of their number has presented the Church with a gown. The noble benefaction of Dr. Hollenbeck, so timely in its aid, should serve as an example for other and wealthy communicants. The true life and zeal of a Christian Church, whose faith worketh by love, seems to be reviving among us; and with God's blessing we look with confidence and hope to the future.

Trinity Church, Van Deusenville.

THE REV. LEWIS GREEN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 2, adults 3,) 5. Confirmed, 2. Communicants: added 2; died or removed, 4; present number, 36. Marriages, 2. Burials, 4. Sunday School Scholars, 20. Contributions for Religious purposes: Diocesan Missions, \$12.73; Foreign Missions, \$11.00; Widows and Orphans of Clergymen, \$2.31; Communion Offerings, \$13.87. Total, \$39.91.

The arrangement by which the Rector officiated on Sunday morning in St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge, continued until Easter; since which time full services have been held here on Sundays. A commendable zeal was shown to bring about this result, and more vitality was manifested than was supposed to exist in the Parish. There is need, however, of much more, and of patience to wait for its appearance. If the Lord will give us his grace, we will not despair.

St. Andrew's Church, New Boston.

[No Report.]

St. Paul's Church, Otis.

[No Report.]

St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.

THE REV. J. A. PENNIMAN, Minister.

Baptisms, (infants 2, adults 2,) 4. Communicants: present number, 51. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 2. Burials, 2. Sunday School Scholars, 20. Missionary Contributions: Massachusetts Board, \$22.27. Other Contributions for Religious purposes, \$104.09; Church Contingent Fund, \$6. Total, \$110.09.

The Minister respectfully reports, that he commenced his duties in this Parish on the seventh Sunday after Trinity, 1856. During most of the six preceding months, the Parish was under the ministry of Rev. Lewis Green, of Van Deusenville.

During the last half year, there has been a fair attendance upon the public services of this Church. Still do we need to feel more of the Apostle's power in our little flock; and may grace enable us to say, with him, "When I am weak, then am I strong."

Trinity Church, Lenox.

THE REV. WILLIAM H. BROOKS, late Rector.

Communicants: added, 1; removed, 5; present number, 14. Burials, 1. Sunday School Scholars, 12; Teachers, 3. Contributions: Diocesan Missions, \$13.25; Evangelical Knowledge Society, to furnish a Library for Berkshire County House of Correction, \$20.04; Parish Visitor, \$1.02; Sunday School, \$2.59; Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$3.04. Total, \$39.94.

The above report extends to October 1st, 1856, at which time I resigned the Rectorship of the Parish.

St. John's Church, North Adams.

THE REV. WILLIAM M. WILLIAN, Rector.

Baptisms, 8. Burials, 4. Communicants, 18. The Collections during the year have amounted to \$60.37.

This Church was organized in November, 1855; since which time, Divine services have been held regularly every Lord's day; at first in the Universalist Meeting House, and during the last six months in a Public Hall, which, on occasions of worship, is arranged with as much regard to having all things done "decently and in order" as the circumstances of the case will admit.

The difficulties and discouragements which naturally attend the establishment of our Church in a place where there are already several Religious Societies, of long standing, and in a flourishing condition, especially where the pecuniary abilities of those engaged in it are small, do not allow us to indulge in hopes of *rapid* success; yet the attendance on our services thus far, the earnest zeal, the self-sacrificing devotion and the harmonious action which have marked every step in the history of this infant Parish, furnish satisfactory grounds of assurance that the labors bestowed in its behalf will, under God, be crowned with success at no distant day.

The great and pressing want of the Parish is, of course, a *church edifice*, (the Hall which we now occupy being frequently used during the week for dancing, exhibitions, etc.,) and until this object is accomplished every attempt towards an increase in numbers must be made under a disadvantage. The associations connected with our present place of worship are not likely to produce a favorable bias towards our services in the minds of the religiously disposed, who are generally influenced by such considerations; and our imperfect accommodations offer but a weak attraction to the indifferent, who have only to step into an adjoining Meeting House to enjoy the comfort which, in their estimation, overbalances almost every other consideration. So long

as the establishment of a Church is considered as an attempt which admits the possibility of a failure, many hold back who, when the success of the undertaking is secured by the erection of an edifice, are ready to come forward in its aid. Such, doubtless, is the case in the present instance; and accordingly measures have been set on foot, at the earliest advisable time, which, it is hoped, will result in the erection of an edifice, of such reasonable size and cost as our necessities seem to require. For this object the members of the Parish have taxed themselves to the utmost limit of their abilities, and for the remainder we shall have to appeal to the liberality of Churchmen abroad, in the hope that our moderate wishes in this respect will not be disappointed.

I gladly avail myself of the present opportunity of expressing the pleasure and satisfaction which have been derived from the attendance on our services of a number of students from Williams' College, nearly all of whom are communicants, and the encouragement which has been imparted by the example of their zeal and devotedness. To them the Sunday School is indebted for its Teachers, and the Church for efficient aid in singing; and as a further illustration of their interest in the prosperity of the Parish, I may add, that not only have they given a Reading Desk with an appropriate Bible and Prayer Book, but that during the last vacation, a few of them collected, among their friends, more than five hundred dollars towards the building of a church. Indeed, one of the most interesting and important considerations connected with the present undertaking is the opportunity which it will afford of attending the services of their own Church to such of its members as are pursuing their studies at that Institution. The importance of providing the means for a stated attendance on its services, for learning its distinctive principles, and for partaking of its blessed sacrament, cannot be over-estimated, especially at the period of life usually spent at a College, where all the religious influences are of a strongly sectarian character: and it may readily be seen how powerful the influence such means of grace may exert in direct-

ing towards the sacred ministry the minds of young men who, as is often the case, at the close of their Academical course, are wavering as to their duty in the matter. One, soon to graduate, has recently applied to become a candidate for Holy Orders; and another, it is hoped, will in due time, become an ambassador of Christ.

St. George's Church, Lee.

THE REV. GEORGE T. CHAPMAN, D. D., Minister.

This Church was duly organized in the spring of 1856, under very favorable auspices. The number of families associated for the purpose exceeded thirty, besides many single persons, both male and female. They commenced with the determination to defray all current expenses attending the ministry of the Word, to which they have strictly adhered, and will contribute for the first year about one thousand dollars. They have also, in addition, purchased a most eligible central site for the erection of a church, and have recently commenced a subscription to effect this last object, which they hope will amount to three thousand dollars. To increase this to a sum sufficient to build a suitable edifice, they look for individual contributions from some of our more wealthy Parishes. And when they are doing so much for themselves, constituting in this respect, as is believed, an unprecedented example in the establishment of our country Parishes for many years, it is confidently expected that they will be liberally patronized by their fellow Churchmen throughout the Diocese. Lee is already a very flourishing place, and has increased in population during the last five years more than any other town in the county. There are about forty manufacturing mills, principally of paper, with two large marble quarries of the best description in the country. The great number of respectable English operatives, who are Episcopalians, is an interesting feature in this laudable enterprise. I took charge of the Parish on the first of June last, and have reason to anticipate a most flattering result to my labors. The baptisms have

been 14—1 adult and 13 children. Confirmed, 5. Communicants: at our first and only communion, owing to our having no service of plate, 11. Others, however, will unite at the next celebration. Marriages, 2. Burials, 3. We shall shortly obtain a Sunday School Library, when that most important institution will be the subject of unremitted attention. In a spiritual aspect, the prospect is no less encouraging than in the financial. With the divine blessing, another year will develop this to a most satisfactory extent.

Barnstable County.

The Church of the Messiah, Wood's Hole.

THE REV. T. BRINTON FLOWER, Rector.

Baptisms, 1. Communicants: added, 5; present number 12. Diocesan Missions, \$12.06; African Mission, \$20; Domestic Missions, \$25; Offertory, \$25.75; Juvenile Missionary Society of Sabbath School, for China, \$4.23; Bible Society, \$2; Ladies' Sewing Society, \$32.23. Sabbath School Scholars, 30; Teachers, 5.

The spiritual condition of this Parish seems more promising at present than ever before.

St. John's Church, Sandwich.

THE REV. WINSLOW W. SEVER, Deacon, Minister.

Baptisms, children, 17. Communicants: added 10; present number, 16. Confirmed, 7. Burials, 6. Sunday School: Scholars, 70; Teachers, 11. Missionary Contributions: Foreign, \$21, of which \$6 is from Sunday School; Domestic, from Sunday School, for "Griswold Press" for Bishop Scott of Oregon, \$5.61. Other contributions for religious purposes: for Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$8.15. Total, \$34.76.

The present minister took charge of this Parish on the first Sunday in April, 1856. Before this time, there had only been

occasional services held in this Parish, since its formation in December, 1854. Since the 15th of June we have worshipped in a neat and commodious chapel, purchased of a Congregational Society, and which, through the liberality of friends of the Church in other places, is free from debt. *Outwardly* we have prospered beyond our anticipations. There is a gratifying increase in the attendance on public worship; and the Sunday School, — a very large one for the Parish, — is maintained with interest, both by teachers and scholars. If it may please God to cause the spirit of grace to descend and rest upon us, giving effect to the preaching of his word, making it the “savour of life unto life” to those who hear, we shall feel that our “labor is not in vain in the Lord.”

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :

I have respectfully to report that, in the month of July, 1855, I was detached from the Receiving Ship, in the harbor of Boston, and have since, by order of the government, performed the duties of my office on board the Flag Ship of the Home Squadron, chiefly in the West Indies, Gulf of Mexico, and on the coast of Central America. I am at present attached to the U. S. steam frigate “Wabash,” which has recently arrived at New York, and will probably soon again sail thence for the more distant parts of her station.

Besides my duties on board the ship, I have preached four times in Pensacola, once in Warrington, and twice at Key West, all in the Diocese of Florida.

Burials, 8.

M. B. CHASE,
Chaplain U. S. Navy.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :

During the last year I have been able to preach but seldom, much to my sorrow, as there is such a lamentable scarcity of

clergymen in our Church, and so great a demand for their services. When I have been well enough, I have never refused my services; and, besides preaching, I have to report the baptism of two children, the marriage of one couple, the performance of the burial service over one adult, also assistance in administering the Holy Communion.

GEORGE C. SHEPARD.

Charleston, S. C., Jan. 6, 1857.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :

From the time of the session of the last Diocesan Convention until the following Easter, (when the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Bradley, returned,) I continued to officiate at Christ Church, Quincy. Since that period, I have officiated in several of the Churches of the Diocese, — St. Paul's, Grace, St. Matthew's, and Christ Church, Boston, St. Paul's, Dedham, and St. Michael's, Marblehead. I have administered, or assisted at the administration of the Holy Communion, on a number of occasions; have baptized five infants, and attended one funeral. The baptisms and the burial have been duly reported.

All which is respectfully submitted.

F. A. FOXCROFT.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese :

The undersigned respectfully reports, that besides attending to his duties as Principal of a Young Ladies' School, he has assisted in the performance of divine service on five Sundays; that he has preached on four occasions, and administered the sacrament of infant baptism twice.

DAVID GREENE HASKINS.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :

During the first quarter of the current ecclesiastical year, I resided on my homestead in Bristol, R. I. Within that time I officiated several Sundays in the Church at Portsmouth, R. I.

It pleased God to visit my family, during that period, with a deep bereavement, which led me to give up house-keeping. I have since accepted an invitation from the Bishop of Kentucky, to labor in that Diocese, in which work I have been employed as a Missionary. My residence is in Louisville, and my present place of labor Belmont. I have not thought it expedient yet to separate my connection with your Diocese.

Very respectfully,

JNO. WEST.

Louisville, Ky.; Dec. 20, 1856.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :

I continued to assist the Rector of St. John's Church, Portsmouth, N. H., until Easter last. Since the first of November I have had the charge of St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls. During the intervening time I officiated in St. Peter's Church, Salem, on five Sundays; in St. Paul's, Boston, on five Sundays; in St. Stephen's, Boston, on three Sundays, and on seven other days; in Grace Church, Boston, Grace Church, Newton Corner, and Trinity Church, Newport, on three Sundays each; in Grace Church, Providence, on two Sundays; and on one Sunday each in St. Mark's, Warren, R. I., Christ Church, Rye, N. Y., Trinity Church, Boston, and St. Mary's, Newton Lower Falls.

I have baptised two adults and two infants. Married one couple, and attended two funerals. I have administered the Holy Communion nine times, and assisted in its administration four times.

HENRY BURROUGHS, JR.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :

Since resigning the Parish of St. Mary's, Newton Lower Falls, I have resided in Cambridge. At the time of my resignation I was invited by the Parish to continue in charge until such time as another Rector should be elected.

Under this arrangement I officiated there for several months. I have also officiated elsewhere, at various times, during the year.

ANDREW CROSWELL.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :

I still continue in the service of the American Sunday School Union. Debarred as I am from the pleasant responsibilities and duties of a parish minister, it gives me great satisfaction to accomplish something for an institution in which I have had a warm interest for more than twenty years, and which is doing so great a work for the young in the waste places of our land.

I have preached in the following churches, and received the annexed amounts :

Trinity Church, Boston, \$216.78 ; St. Paul's, Boston, (\$65 of which are from the Sunday School,) \$410 ; Grace, Boston, (to aid Schools planted under the direction of the Bishop of Iowa,) \$25 ; Christ Church, Boston, (for the same object,) \$10 ; Church of the Messiah, Boston, \$7 ; St. Paul's, Brookline, (\$100 of which were for Schools in Kansas,) \$198 ; St. Thomas's, Taunton, \$100 ; St. Paul's, Dedham, \$52.48 ; All Saints', Worcester, \$13 ; "A Friend" in Worcester, \$250 ; Christ Church, Waltham, \$55 ; Grace, Newton Corner, \$12 ; "G." \$50 ; St. Andrew's, Hanover, \$12.42 ; Grace, New Bedford, for Bishop of Iowa, \$25.93 ; Grace, Lawrence, \$27.86 ; St. Mary's, Newton Lower Falls, \$7.08 ; St. Mary's, Dorchester, \$8 ; St. Paul's, Newburyport, \$15 ; St. James's, Roxbury, \$25 ; from a deceased communicant of St. James's, Roxbury, by will, \$216 ; St. John's, Northampton, \$25 ; St. John's, Providence, \$178.18 ; Grace, Providence, \$45.36 ; St. Michael's, Bristol, \$15 ; Zion, Newport, \$20 ; St. John's, Troy, N. Y., \$16.25 ; Christ Church, Gardiner, Me., \$20. Total, \$2056.34.

For the above liberal collections and donations, I would take this opportunity of expressing the sincere thanks of our Board of Directors.

THEODORE W. SNOW.

Brookline, Jan. 21, 1857.

Abstract of JA

	Churches.	Rectors.
	St. James's	R. F. Chase
	Christ	S. Fuller, D. D.
	St. John's *	C. Cleveland
	Trinity	M. Eastburn, D
	Christ	J. Cotton Smit
	St. Matthew's	W. T. Smithet
	St. Paul's	J. H. Clinch
	Grace	A. H. Vinton, I
	Messiah	C. Mason
	St. John's	G. M. Randall, I
	Advent	J. Irwin
	St. Mark's	H. Southgate, I
	St. Stephen's	A. Eaton, D. D.
	Seaman's * Chap	M. P. Stickney
	St. Mary's	A. L. Baur
	Trinity *	E. A. Kenouf
	St. Paul's	E. M. P. Wells, I
	Christ	Vacant
	St. Peter's *	J. P. Robinson
	St. John's	Vacant.
	St. Luke's	J. E. Stone, D.
	Grace *	N. Hopkin
	Christ	W. P. Page
	St. Paul's	T. R. Lambert
	St. Luke's	W. S. Bartlet
	Grace *	Vacant
	Christ	J. H. Rouse
	St. Paul's	S. B. Babcock
	St. Mary's	E. L. Drown
	Ascension	E. M. Porter
	St. James's	G. L. Platt
	St. James's	W. Flint
	St. Andrew's	S. Cutler
	Trinity *	W. C. Brown
	St. Paul's	A. L. Baur
	St. Luke's	S. B. Shaw
	Grace	G. Packard
	St. George's	G. T. Chapman, I
	Trinity	W. H. Brooks
	St. Anne's	T. Edson, D. D
	St. Stephen's	I. W. Hallam
	St. Michael's	J. B. Richmond
	Grace	J. Field
	Trinity	W. H. Munroe
	St. John's	A. B. Goodrick
	St. Paul's	C. H. Canfield
	Grace	S. M. Rice
	St. Paul's	W. Horton
	St. Andrew's *	Vacant
	St. Mary's	H. Burroughs, J
	Grace	J. S. C. Greene
	St. John's	W. M. William
	St. John's	J. P. Hubbard
	St. Paul's *	Vacant
	Trinity	J. S. Townsend
	Christ *	Vacant
	St. Stephen's	W. H. R. Stewa
	Christ	G. M. Bradley
	St. James's	J. Wayland, D.
	St. John's	W. B. Babcock
	St. Peter's	G. Leeds
	St. John's	W. W. Sever
	Christ	W. S. Child
	St. Paul's	J. A. Penniman
	Christ	W. B. Colburn
	St. Thomas's	E. Neville, D. D.
	Trinity	L. Green
	Christ	T. F. Fales
	St. John's	B. H. Chase
	Messiah	T. B. Flower
	All Saints'	A. M. Morrison
		J. T. Burrill

* No Report.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS TO SEAMEN IN ACCOUNT WITH B. C. CLARK, Treasurer.

1857.

Dr. BOARD OF MISSIONS TO SEAMEN in account with B. C. CLARK, Treasurer. Cr.

DR. SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF WIDOWS AND ORPHANS

1856.			
Feb. 7.	To amount paid for six shares in National Bank, Boston,.....	\$800 00	
8.	To amount of William A. Hall's bill for printing circulars,....	8 50	
9.	To amount of postage paid on circulars,.....	75	
Mar. 30.	To amount paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Clark, of Rhode Island, ex- penses incurred in preaching sermon before the society,.....	10 00	
April 9.	To amount paid for seven shares in Washington Bank, Boston,	717 50	
Oct. 18.	To amount paid James C. Merrill, Secretary's bill for printing and postage to July 14th last past,.....	2 64	
1857.			
Jan. 20.	To amount in Bank, subject to the order of Committee on in- vestments,.....	685 44	

\$2019 8

Boston, January 20, 1857.

(Errors Excepted.)

Boston, Jan'y 20th, 1857.

The undersigned have examined the foregoing account, and find it correctly
cast and properly vouched.

FRED. H. STIMPSON, }
JAMES C. MERRILL, } Auditing Committee.

DR. CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS

1857.		
Jan. 22.	Richard Dillon, services,.....	\$8 00
	Rev. G. L. Platt, travel,.....	10 00
	“ William Flint, travel,.....	10 00
	“ Samuel B. Shaw, travel,.....	10 00
	“ William B. Colburn, travel,.....	3 00
	“ B. H. Chase, travel,.....	3 50
	“ William M. Willian, travel,.....	10 00
	“ Rev. J. S. Townsend, travel,.....	3 00
	“ John Wayland, D.D., General Convention,.....	25 00
	“ G. M. Randall, “ “ “.....	20 00
	“ Wm. Horton, “ “ “.....	25 00
	Treasurer's Note, “ “.....	90 00
	General Convention, additional,.....	25 50
	“ “ extra assessment,.....	38 50
	Rev. J. H. Clinch, Secretary,.....	25 78
	Stamped Envelopes,.....	80
	Expenses Collecting, Treasurer,.....	1 20
		\$309 28

DELINQUENT LIST.

IN ARREARS, 1854.

Christ Church, Clappville	St. Paul's Church, Otis
St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton	St. Andrew's Church, New Boston
St. Paul's Church, Nantucket	Christ Church, Plymouth

IN ARREARS, 1855.

St. John's Church, Ashfield	St. Paul's Church, Nantucket
St. Andrew's Church, New Boston	St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton

IN ARREARS, 1856.

Grace Church, Chicopee	St. John's Church, Ashfield
Christ Church, Clappville	St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton
Trinity Church, Bridgewater	St. Paul's Church, Otis
Christ Church, Boston	

IN ARREARS, 1857.

St. Mary's Church, Boston	Christ Church, Boston
St. John's Church, Boston	Christ Church, Clappville
St. John's Church, Ashfield	Grace Church, Chicopee
St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton	Grace Church, Medford
St. Paul's Church, Otis	Trinity Church, Bridgewater
St. Paul's Church, Nantucket	Trinity Church, Lenox
St. Michael's Church, Marblehead	Trinity Church, Van Deusenville
Ascension Church, Fall River	St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield
Christ Church, Plymouth	St. Stephen's Church, Lynn
Christ Church, Quincy	St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport
Christ Church, Springfield	St. Andrew's Church, New Boston
Christ Church, Swansea	

The Treasurer needs funds immediately, to pay debts that will soon become due. It will save the expense of circulars, if delinquent Parishes will kindly transmit at once to the Treasurer,

SAMUEL B. BARCOK, *Dedham.*

P. S.—Acknowledgments will be made in the “Witness,” from time to time, as payments are received.

Appendix.

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in account with S. B. BABCOCK, Treasurer.

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1857.	St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge,.....	\$6 00
Jan. 7	Cash on hand,.....	2 26
22	All-Saints' Church, Worcester,.....	8 00
	St. Luke's Church, Chelsea,.....	3 00
	St. Peter's Church, Salem,.....	15 00
	St. Anne's Church, Lowell,.....	14 00
	St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville,.....	4 00
	Grace Church, Lawrence,.....	10 00
	St. James's Church, Greenfield,.....	10 00
	St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain,.....	12 00
	Christ Church, Cambridge,.....	10 00
	St. Luke's Church, Lanesboro',.....	6 00
	St. James's Church, Great Barrington,.....	10 00
	Grace Church, Newton Corner,.....	7 50
	St. Mary's Church, Dorchester,.....	10 00
	Grace Church, Boston,.....	15 00
	St. Paul's Church, Newburyport,.....	8 00
	St. John's Church, Northampton,.....	5 00
	Trinity Church, Boston,.....	35 00
	St. Thomas's Church, Taunton,.....	20 00
	St. John's Church, Charlestown,.....	10 00
	St. Paul's Church, Brookline,.....	20 00
	Trinity Church, Pawtucket,.....	5 00
	St. John's Church, North Adams,.....	3 00
	Christ Church, Andover,.....	10 00
	St. James's Church, Roxbury,.....	10 00
	St. Mark's Church Boston,.....	20 00
	St. Paul's Church Boston,.....	35 00
	St. Matthew's Church, Boston,.....	10 00
	Church of the Advent, Boston,.....	20 00
	Church of the Messiah, Boston,.....	15 00
	St. Andrew's Church, Hanover,.....	8 00
	Church of the Messiah, Wood's Hole,.....	2 00
	St. John's Church, Millville,.....	8 00
	Christ Church, Waltham,.....	7 00
	Grace Church, New Bedford,.....	12 00
	St. Paul's Church, Dedham,.....	10 00
	St. Mary's Church, Newton, Lower Falls,.....	6 00
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		\$421 76
	Deduct paid,.....	309 28
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	Cash on hand, Feb. 17, 1857,.....	\$112 48

SAMUEL B. BABCOCK, *Treasurer.*

DR. EPISCOPAL CLERICAL FUND ASSOCIATION in account with J. W. CLARK, Treasurer. CR.

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Boston, Jan. 22, 1857.

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JOSEPH W. CLARK, Treasurer.

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS,
Received by the Treasurer of the Board of Missions.

From whom received.	Diocesan.	Domestic.	Foreign.	Special.	Total.
<i>Andover</i> — Christ Church, -	\$50 00	..	..	..	50 00
<i>Amesbury</i> — St. James's, -	18 31	..	..	..	18 31
<i>Ashfield</i> — St. John's, -	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Blandford</i> — St. Mark's, -	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Boston</i> — Advent, -	..	..	..	..	..
" — Christ, -	41 06	20 00	25 00	45 00	131 06
" — Grace, -	205 47	87 47	100 75	51 50	445 19
" — St. John's, -	34 50	8 00	..	..	42 50
" — St. Matthew's, -	30 00	..	..	5 00	35 00
" — Messiah, -	98 00	..	42 00	33 14	173 14
" — St. Paul's, -	532 21	500 00	401 00	1057 00	2490 21
" — St. Stephen's, -	20 00	..	..	..	20 00
" — Trinity, -	433 57	203 08	140 30	105 00	881 95
<i>Bridgewater</i> — Trinity, -	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Brookline</i> — St. Paul's, -	75 00	..	..	..	75 00
<i>Chicopee</i> — Grace, -	3 50	..	..	..	3 50
<i>Cambridge</i> — Christ, -	72 00	75 00	25 00	50 00	222 00
<i>Cambridgeport</i> — St. Peter's, -	33 00	..	..	..	33 00
<i>Charlestown</i> — St. John's, -	65 00	..	..	..	65 00
<i>Chelsea</i> — St. Luke's, -	15 00	..	..	..	15 00
<i>Clappville</i> — Christ, -	6 21	..	..	..	6 21
<i>Dedham</i> — St. Paul's, -	59 34	..	30 00	..	89 34
<i>Dorchester</i> — St. Mary's, -	25 00	47 75	22 00	..	94 75
<i>Full River</i> — Ascension, -	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Great Barrington</i> — St. James's	28 58	..	..	..	28 58
<i>Greenfield</i> — St. James's, -	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Haverhill</i> — Trinity, -	8 00	..	..	..	8 00
<i>Hanover</i> — St. Andrew's, -	75 41	65 00	61 00	10 00	211 41
<i>Hopkinton</i> — St. Paul's, -	..	3 66	3 65	..	7 31
<i>Jamaica Plain</i> — St. John's,	106 00	60 00	60 00	20 00	246 00
<i>Lanesboro'</i> — St. Luke's, -	8 13	8 12	..	..	16 25
<i>Lawrence</i> — Grace, -	38 75	..	..	..	38 75
<i>Lenox</i> — Trinity, -	12 25	..	..	..	12 25
<i>Lowell</i> — St. Anne's, -	75 00	..	..	..	75 00
<i>Lynn</i> — St. Stephen's, -	20 00	..	..	..	20 00
<i>Marblehead</i> — St. Michael's, -	9 25	..	..	..	9 25
<i>Marshfield</i> — Trinity, -	..	3 00	..	..	3 00
<i>Medford</i> — Grace, -	20 00	..	30 00	..	50 00
<i>Milville</i> — St. John's, -	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Melrose</i> — St. Luke's, -	..	7 07	..	..	7 07
<i>Nantucket</i> — St. Paul's, -	8 53	..	..	..	8 53
<i>New Bedford</i> — Grace, -	15 31	..	..	..	15 31
<i>Newton Corner</i> — Grace, -	11 00	25 00	37 00	..	73 00
<i>Newburyport</i> — St. Paul's, -	97 06	60 00	16 00	..	173 06
<i>New Boston</i> — St. Andrew's, -	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Newton L. Falls</i> — St. Mary's,	25 00	..	..	..	25 00
<i>Northampton</i> — St. John's, -	38 66	..	..	..	38 66
<i>Otis</i> — St. Paul's, -	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Pantucket</i> — Trinity, -	19 03	..	..	..	19 03
<i>Plymouth</i> — Christ, -	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Pittsfield</i> — St. Stephen's, -	10 00	..	..	..	10 00
<i>Quincy</i> — Christ, -	15 00	6 00	..	10 00	31 00
<i>Roxbury</i> — St. James's, -	39 34	69 33	117 00	..	225 17
<i>Salem</i> — St. Peter's, -	145 62	100 00	100 00	20 00	365 62
<i>Springfield</i> — Christ, -	90 00	..	..	..	90 00
<i>Stockbridge</i> — St. Paul's, -	22 27	..	..	..	22 27
<i>Swansea</i> — Christ, -	10 00	..	..	..	10 00
<i>Sandwich</i> — St. John's, -	..	..	..	4 11	4 11
<i>Taunton</i> — St. Thomas's, -	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Van Deusenville</i> — Trinity, -	12 73	..	11 00	..	23 73
<i>Waltham</i> — Christ, -	46 46	100 58	52 87	5 00	204 33
<i>Wilkinsonville</i> — St. John's, -	..	..	12 00	..	12 00
<i>Wood's Hole</i> — Messiah, -	12 06	25 75	24 25	..	62 06
<i>Worcester</i> — All Saints', -	31 05	..	..	10 00	41 05
Collection after an'l sermon,	100 58	..	..	..	100 58
From individuals, -	35 50	2 00	1 00	211 00	249 50
	3003 73	1476 81	1311 82	1636 75	7429 11

DR. MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MISSIONS, in account with GEO. M. RANDALL, Treasurer. Cr.

1857. Feb.	1857. Feb.		
To balance of old account,.....	\$69 05	By cash received, from sundry Parishes sub- ject to the appropriation of the Board,...	\$2143 52
To cash paid for appropriations made by the Board:			
St. John's Church, East Boston,.....	300 00		
Trinity, Pawtucket,.....	100 00		
St. Paul's, Nantucket,.....	200 00		
Messiah, Wood's Hole,.....	200 00		
Trinity, Van Deusenville,.....	125 00		
St. Peter's, Cambridgeport,.....	100 00		
St. Luke's, Chelsea,.....	100 00		
Grace, Newton Corner,.....	225 00		
Christ, Swansea,.....	100 00		
Grace, Chicopee,.....	50 00		
St. Paul's, Stockbridge,.....	50 00		
—, Williamstown,.....	450 00		
Expense of printing, postage, &c.,.....	74 47		
			\$2143 52

Boston, Feb. 2, 1857.

(Errors Excepted.)

GEORGE M. RANDALL, Treasurer.

Constitution
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE
DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
AS AMENDED
IN CONVENTION, JUNE, 1841, 1846, MAY, 1852, AND JAN. 1856.

ARTICLE I.

THIS Church, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, accedes to the General Constitution of that Church, and acknowledges its authority.

ARTICLE II.

There shall be a stated Convention of the Church in this Diocese, at Boston, on the second Wednesday in June, in every year, unless a different time and place be fixed on by a preceding Convention. Special meetings of the Convention shall be called by the Bishop, when, in his judgment, the good of the Church may require it, or when the Standing Committee shall request it. And when the Episcopal Chair is vacant, the Standing Committee shall have power to call such Convention. Provided, always, that no business shall be done at any special Convention, other than is specified in the notice calling such Convention.

ARTICLE III.

The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen.

The Bishop and the assistant Bishop, when there is one, shall have a seat and a vote in the Convention. Every other clergyman of the Church of whatever order, being a settled minister,

or regularly officiating in some parish within this Diocese; or being a President, Professor, Tutor or Instructor in some College or Seminary of learning, and performing clerical functions; or being a Missionary under the direction of the ecclesiastical authority of this Diocese, or a Chaplain in the army or navy of the United States, or in any benevolent or other public institution, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, if he have been actually as well as canonically resident within this Diocese, for the space of six calendar months next before the meeting of the Convention, and has, for the same period, been employed in performing the duties of his station, or have been canonically instituted. Provided, however, that no clergyman otherwise entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, shall, by reason of advanced years, or infirm health, or temporary absence, be divested of such privilege.

Every parish in this Diocese, in union with this Convention, shall be entitled to send to the Convention a lay delegate, or delegates, not exceeding three, a certificate of whose appointment, signed by the Wardens or Parish Clerk, shall, before his or their admission to a seat, be laid before the Convention. Provided, that no person shall be competent to serve as a lay delegate unless he be a stated worshipper in the parish which he represents. The delegation from each parish shall be entitled on a division, by orders, to but one vote.

ARTICLE IV.

New parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention, on motion, by a majority of votes, provided they shall have laid before the Convention written evidence, subscribed by the Wardens and Vestry, that they have been duly organized for the space of one year, and during that time have held regular public services, and accede to the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

ARTICLE V.

The Bishop of this Diocese shall preside in the Convention. But in case of vacancy, or necessary absence, the members shall elect a president from among the clergy.

ARTICLE VI.

A Secretary shall be chosen upon the assembling of the Annual Convention, from among the members thereof, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Convention.

ARTICLE VII.

The members of the Convention present on due notification, and duly organized, shall constitute a quorum to transact the ordinary business of the Convention. The clergy and lay delegates shall deliberate as one body, and vote as such, except when a division is called for by three clerical members, or by the lay delegations from three parishes represented in the Convention; in which case a concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to carry any measure. All elections shall be by ballot, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

ARTICLE VIII.

There shall be a Standing Committee, to consist of six members; three clergymen and three laymen. They shall keep regular minutes of their proceedings, and shall report the same annually to the Convention. A majority shall be a quorum.

ARTICLE IX.

This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any article, except at the annual meeting of the Convention; nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed at least one annual meeting previous to its adoption.

Canon of 1828,

AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1849.

Respecting Contingent Expenses.

It shall be the duty of every parish in this State, after the first day of January, 1829, to raise and send to the Treasurer of the Convention, to defray the contingent expenses of the Church in this Diocese, a sum of money annually, which shall be as much as *one per centum* on the salary of its minister; and those parishes which are destitute of a clergyman, and which are represented by lay delegates in the Convention, shall pay at least five dollars annually, or send a certified copy of a vote that they are unable to pay the same; and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to certify in his annual report what parishes have neglected to comply with the requisitions of this canon. The money thus raised and paid into the treasury of the Convention, shall be subject to appropriation by a majority of the votes of the Standing Committee, or of such committee as shall be appointed by the Convention; and the following appropriations shall always be deemed proper, namely: to pay the travelling expenses of the Bishop of this Convention; to pay the travelling expenses of such clerical members of the Convention as cannot afford to pay the same, not exceeding ten dollars to any clergyman in one year; to pay the travelling expenses of the clerical delegates to the General Triennial Convention, not exceeding twenty-five dollars to each clerical delegate; to pay to the delegates of the Church in this Diocese to the General Convention, such sums as shall enable them to pay the quota assessed on the several Churches in this Diocese by each General Convention, for the contingent expenses thereof; and to pay for publishing the Journals of this Convention, and such other publications as shall be published by order of this Convention; and every parish shall be entitled to five copies, at least, of every publication printed by order of the Convention.

But no clergyman shall be entitled to any appropriation from the Contingent Fund, unless the parish of which he is the minister shall have paid its annual quota of *one per centum*, or send a certified copy of a vote that it is unable to pay the same. Neither shall any parish, thus neglecting to comply with the requisitions of the Canon, receive more than five copies of the Journal.

Canon of 1844.

Respecting the increase of the Episcopal Fund.

In every parish in this Diocese, a collection shall be annually made on Trinity Sunday, and paid over to the Treasurer of the Trustees of Donations of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, to be added to the permanent fund for the support of the Bishop of this Diocese; and the said Treasurer shall report annually to this Convention, the amount by him received from each parish.

Canons of 1846,

AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1852.

I.

Of proceedings in the case of a Minister, not being a Bishop, accused by public rumor or otherwise of offences for which he may be tried.

SECT. 1. The mode of presentment and trial of a Minister, for any offence for which, by the laws of the General Convention or of this Diocese, he is or may be liable to be tried, shall be as follows :

Information of his offence shall first be given in writing to the Standing Committee, which information, any member of this Church is hereby declared competent to give. The Standing Committee shall thereupon proceed to a preliminary consideration of the case; and in their discretion, if they see fit, may make a formal presentment of the offence to the Bishop.

Such presentment shall be made in writing, addressed to the Bishop, stating the charges made against the accused, with specifications as to time, place, and circumstances; and any of the specifications in said presentment may be amended from time to time by the Judge Advocate, as the Court may order; and in case there shall be no Bishop, or in case the Bishop shall be implicated in the offence, or shall be related to the accused by consanguinity or affinity, the Standing Committee shall then

request the Bishop of some other Diocese to receive the presentment, who, upon the application of the Standing Committee, may proceed in the case, and exercise the same powers as belong, or are granted, to the Bishop of the Diocese.

SECT. 2. Any Minister of this Diocese, not being a Bishop, accused by public rumor or otherwise, of any offence or offences for which he may be tried as aforesaid, may, for himself, request the Standing Committee to institute such examination and inquiry respecting the truth of the charges against him; and, in such case, it shall be the duty of the Standing Committee to institute such examination and inquiry, and to proceed in like manner, as is provided in section first of the Canon.

II.

Of the trial of a Clergyman, not being a Bishop.

SECT. 1. Upon such presentment being made by the Standing Committee, as is provided in the foregoing Canon, the Bishop shall, as soon as may be, cause a copy of such presentment to be served on the accused, and shall also nominate nine Presbyters of the Diocese, entitled to seats in the Convention, and not being parties to the presentment, nor witnesses in the case, and shall cause a list of their names to be served on the accused, who shall, within thirty days after such service, select five of them, and notify their names in writing to the Bishop; and if he shall not give such notification to the Bishop within said thirty days, the Bishop shall then select five, and the Presbyters so selected shall form an Ecclesiastical Court for the trial of the accused.

SECT. 2. The Court, thus constituted, shall meet at such time and place within the Diocese, as the Bishop shall direct, and shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, within the Diocese, as they shall deem necessary; and the Bishop shall cause a written notice of the time and place of the first meeting of the said Court to be served at least thirty days before the time of meeting, on the accused, and also on the Secretary of the Standing Committee.

SECT. 3. If, at the time appointed for the first meeting of the said Court, the whole number of five shall not attend, those who

do attend, may adjourn from time to time ; or being not less than three, in number, they shall have the right to proceed, in case they shall see fit, to a hearing and trial of the case ; and their decision, if unanimous, shall be as binding as if the whole Court had been present ; but in case their decision shall not be unanimous, the Bishop shall, at the request of the accused, or of the Standing Committee, order a new trial.

SECT. 4. If a clergyman presented shall confess the truth of the facts alleged in the presentment, the Court shall, in writing, certify the same to the Bishop, and state their opinion as to the sentence that ought to be pronounced ; and it shall be the duty of the Bishop to proceed to pass sentence, in the manner hereinafter provided. And if a clergyman presented as aforesaid, after having had due notice, shall fail or neglect to appear before the Court of Presbyters appointed for his trial, unless prevented by sickness or other sufficient cause, he shall be suspended from the exercise of his clerical functions for the term of six months ; and if during that period, he shall not apply for a trial, he shall then be degraded from the ministry.

SECT. 5. When the Court proceed to the trial, they shall hear such competent evidence as shall be produced, which evidence shall be reduced to writing, and signed by the witnesses respectively ; and some officer authorized by law to administer oaths, may, at the desire of either party, be requested to administer an oath or affirmation to the witnesses. If, on or during the trial, the accused shall confess the truth of the charges as stated in the presentment, the Court may dispense with hearing further evidence, and may proceed at once to state their opinion to the Bishop as to the sentence that ought to be pronounced.

SECT. 6. Upon the application of either party to the Bishop, and it being made satisfactorily to appear to him, that any material witnesses cannot be procured upon the trial, the Bishop may appoint a Commissary to take the testimony of such witnesses. Such Commissary may be either a clergyman or a layman, and the party so applying, shall give to the other at least *six* days' notice of the time and place of taking the testimony. And if the person on whom the notice shall be served, shall reside more

than forty miles from the place of examination, an additional day's notice shall be given for every additional twenty miles of the said distance. And both parties may attend and examine the witness, and the questions and answers shall be reduced to writing and signed by the witness, and shall be certified by the Commissary, and enclosed under his seal, and transmitted to the Court, and shall be received by them as evidence. A witness examined before such Commissary may be sworn or affirmed in manner aforesaid.

SECT. 7. The Court, having deliberately considered the evidence, shall declare in a writing signed by them, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether the accused is guilty or not guilty of such charges respectively, and also stating the sentence which, in their opinion, should be pronounced; and a copy of such decision shall be, without delay, communicated to the accused; and the original decision, together with the evidence, shall be delivered to the Bishop, who shall pronounce such canonical sentence as shall appear to him to be proper, provided the same shall not exceed in severity the sentence recommended by the Court; and such sentence shall be final. Before pronouncing any sentence, the Bishop shall summon the accused, and any three or more Presbyters of the Diocese, to meet him at such time as may in his opinion be most convenient, in some church to be designated by him, which shall for that purpose be open at the time to all persons who may choose to attend; and the sentence shall then and there be publicly pronounced by the Bishop. But the Bishop, if he shall be satisfied that justice requires it, may grant a new trial to the accused, in which case a new Court of Presbyters shall be appointed, the proceedings before whom shall be conducted as before mentioned.

SECT. 8. All citations and notices contemplated in this Canon shall be signed by the Bishop, and may be served by a summoner or summoners, to be appointed for the purpose by the Bishop, and whose certificate of such service shall be evidence thereof. In case of service by any other person, the fact shall be proved by the affidavit of such person. A written citation or notice de-

livered to a party, or left at his last place of residence, shall be deemed a sufficient service of such citation or notice.

SECT. 9. Advocates or Proctors shall be allowed on both sides, at the pleasure of the parties, provided they are clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese, or laymen who have been communicants of some parish of the same, at least two years before the time of trial.

Canon of 1846.

Of Communicants.

Whenever the Bishop shall institute an inquiry on the subject of repelling a person from the Holy Communion, according to the rubrics and the canons of the General Convention, he shall summon a council of two presbyters and two laymen, of which he shall be president, to decide upon the case.

Canon of 1847,

AS AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1848.

Of Elections.

The deputies to the General Convention from this Diocese shall be chosen at the meeting of this Convention holden in each year of the stated meeting of the General Convention; who shall continue in office until the meeting of this Convention, next preceding the stated meeting of the General Convention, on the third year next after their election, and until others shall be chosen in their place.

Any vacancy occurring in the delegation shall be filled at the next ensuing meeting of this Convention; and appointments for the interval may be made by the Standing Committee, at a meeting specially convened for that purpose.

EXTRACT FROM THE

Canon of the General Convention of 1853.

Of the mode of securing an accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time.

SECTION I. As a full and accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time, is highly useful and necessary, it is hereby ordered that every Minister of this Church, or, if the Parish be vacant, the Wardens, shall present, or cause to be delivered, on or before the first day of every annual Convention, to the Bishop of the Diocese, or, where there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and funerals, and of the number of communicants in his parish or Church, also, the state and condition of the Sunday Schools in his Parish, also of the amount of the communion alms, the contributions for Missions, diocesan, domestic, and foreign, for parochial schools, for Church purposes in general, and of all other matters that may throw light on the state of the same. And every other Clergyman not regularly settled in any Parish or Church, shall also report the occasional services he may have performed; and, if he have performed no such services, the causes or reasons which have prevented the same. And these reports, or such parts of them as the Bishop shall think fit, may be read in the Convention, and shall be entered on the journals thereof.

Rules of Order.

RULE I. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.

No member shall absent himself from the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house ; nor more than once, until others desiring to speak shall have spoken.

While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

Every member who shall be in the house, when any question is put, shall vote, unless he be personally interested in the question, or shall be excused by the Convention for reasons assigned.

RULE II. No motion shall be considered as before the Convention, unless seconded by a member not belonging to the same parish with the mover ; and every motion, when required by any member, shall be reduced to writing.

RULE III. When the report of a committee is presented, it shall be read and entered on the minutes, unless otherwise determined by the house ; and, if accompanied by resolutions, the question shall be on adopting them.

RULE IV. When a question is before the Convention, it shall be in order—

1. To lay on the table ;
2. To postpone to a day certain ;
3. To commit ;
4. To amend ;
5. To postpone indefinitely ;

and a motion for any one of these proceedings may be considered as having precedence in the order in which they are here named ; and a question on any of these proceedings shall be decided before the original motion.

RULE V. An address or communication from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.

RULE VI. Any member may call for the division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

RULE VII. The question of adjournment shall always be in order ; and that, together with a motion to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.

RULE VIII. When votes by orders are taken, they shall be entered on the minutes.

RULE IX. On all questions of order, the President shall decide, subject to an appeal to the house.

RULE X. A question, being decided, shall not be reconsidered during the same session, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present, nor unless the motion to reconsider be made and seconded by members who voted in the majority on the original decision.

LIST OF THE CLERGY
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- The Rev. GORDON M. BRADLEY,** Rector of Christ Church, Quincy.
- The Rev. WILLIAM H. BROOKS,** officiating temporarily in All Saints' Church, Worcester.
- The Rev. WILLIAM COLVIN BROWN,** Rector of Trinity Church, Haverhill.
- The Rev. JOHN T. BURRILL,** Chaplain of the House of Correction, South Boston.

- The Rev. HENRY BURROUGHS, Jr., residing in Boston, and officiating at St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls.
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- The Rev. GEORGE T. CHAPMAN, D.D., Minister of St. George's Church, Lee.
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- The Rev. ANDREW CROSWELL, residing in Cambridge.
- The Rev. SAMUEL CUTLER, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.
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[Total, 78.]

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Notice.

The Sixty-eighth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Massachusetts, will be holden in Trinity Church, Boston, on the first Wednesday (the 7th) of May, 1858, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

JOSEPH H. CLINCH.

Secretary of the Convention.

South Boston, January, 1857.

Form of Certificate for Lay Delegates.

(Authorized by vote of Convention of 1849.)

[Name of Town] ——— A. D. 18—.

This is to certify, that at a regular meeting of the Parish of ——— Church, ———, held on the ——— day of ——— 18—, the following persons, viz:

Messrs. ———,
———,
———,

were duly elected lay delegates to represent this Parish in the next Diocesan Convention, to be held in ——— Church, in ———, on the ——— day of ———, A. D. 18—, and that they are pious worshippers in this Parish.

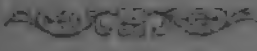
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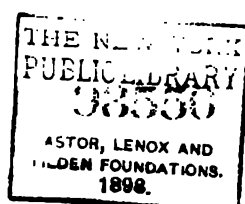


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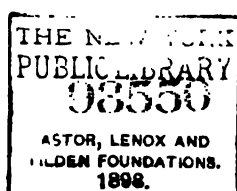
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" G. T. Chapman, D. D.,	" Wm. Stevens Pe	
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" Wm. Flint,	" Wm. T. Smitl	
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" Isaac W. Hallam,	" A. H. Vinto	
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" Wm. Horton,	" Geo. D. W	

Who, with the exception of those whose names are printed in *italics*, appeared, and took their seats in the Convention.

The Secretary then called over the names of the Parishes in union with the Convention, when the Lay Delegates handed in the certificates of their election. The names of the Lay Delegates were then called, the members answering to their names, with the exception of those which appear *italicised*.

Trinity Church, Boston. Benjamin P. Richardson, Edward Blake, Henry W. Williams, M. D.

Christ Church, Boston. John R. Haslam, W. A. Crockett, Zachariah Handcock.

St. Paul's Church, Boston. George H. Lyman, George M. Browne, Benjamin F. Hallett.

Grace Church, Boston. Richard Girdler, Robert M. Mason, William W. Morland, M. D.

Church of the Messiah, Boston. Samuel H. Gregory, Elisha B. Pratt, Edward S. Babbitt.

Church of the Advent, Boston. Richard H. Dana, Jr., F. E. Oliver, M. D., Causten Browne.

St. Mark's Church, Boston. S. Burton Thompson, William Knapp, Francis J. Parker.

St. Matthew's Church, S. Boston. Samuel H. Jenks, David Clapp, Edward H. Brainard.

St. John's Church, East Boston. William Munroe, D. Byron, J. Watson.

St. Luke's Church, Chelsea. Orren E. Downing, John Follis, George Crooks.

Christ Church, Cambridge. Charles F. Foster, Charles C. Little, Henry M. Parker.

St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport.

St. John's Church, Charlestown. Peter Hubbell, Luther V. Bell, M. D., F. W. Moores.

Grace Church, Medford. Nathaniel Tracy, Abel A. Coffin, George D. Porter.

St. Anne's Church, Lowell. John A. Goodwin, Elihu S. Hunt, Charles Hovey.

St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls. William Curtis, E. L. Field, R. B. Blasdell.

Christ Church, Waltham. Andrew H. Ward, Jr., Edward G. Tileston, Gilbert N. Cheney.

St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton. S. H. Wakefield, Luke Whitney, Joseph Burnett.

St. Paul's Church, Brookline. Eliakim Littell, Thomas Parsons, James S. Amory.

St. Paul's Church, Dedham. William Ames, Thomas L. Wakefield, Erastus Worthington.

St. Mary's Church, Dorchester. Charles Stimpson, D. B. Stedman, W. W. Page.

Christ Church, Quincy. Ezra Walker, Henry Walker, Henry Hunt.

St. James's Church, Roxbury. Francis Hilliard, Sanford M. Hunt, W. Raymond Lee.

St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain. Joseph P. Ellicott, D. B. Hager, William Blake.

St. James's Church, Amesbury.

Christ Church, Andover. Francis Coggsowell, Samuel Gray, William P. Millett.

Grace Church, Lawrence. Henry Barton, John S. Stafford, Andrew D. Blanchard.

St. Stephen's Church, Lynn. Edward S. Davis, Josiah F. Kimball, Enoch K. Mudge.

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead. Thomas Evans, Simon Stone, Andrew Lackey.

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport. Edward S. Moseley, Nathaniel Foster, David Wood.

St. Peter's Church, Salem. Francis W. Pickman, Stephen B. Ives, Caleb Buffum.

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover. Warren Wright, George Curtis.

Trinity Church, Bridgewater. John Edson.

Christ Church, Plymouth.

Church of the Ascension, Fall River. Walter C. Durfee, Richard M. Sherman, William H. Taylor.

Grace Church, New Bedford. William G. Blackler, Edmund Rodman, Francis L. Porter.

Trinity Church, Pawtucket.

Christ Church, Swansea. William Pearse, William H. Pearse, Benjamin B. Wood.

St. Thomas's Church, Taunton. Samuel L. Crocker, Albert Pitts, Marcus Morton.

Christ Church, Clappville. Charles Barnes.

St. John's Church, Millville. Russell Todd, Dudley Brown, Charles E. Hall.

St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville. Seth Hartwell, George Brown, Jr., F. G. Searles.

All Saints' Church, Worcester. Thomas Bottomly, Henry K. Newcomb, Francis H. Dewey.

Grace Church, Chicopee. P. L. B. Stickney, M. D., Moses Fiske, John S. Aitcheson.

Christ Church, Springfield.

St. James's Church, Great Barrington. E. A. Hulbert, Loring G. Robbins, S. B. Sumner.

St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough. Edward A. Newton, Jason Newton, W. D. B. Linn.

Trinity Church, Lenox.

St. Paul's Church, Otis.

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield. Timothy Childs, M. D., J. R. Morewood.

St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.

Trinity Church, Vandeusenville. Benjamin Green, John S. Stone.

St. Andrew's Church, New Boston.

St. John's Church, Ashfield.

St. James's Church, Greenfield.

St. John's Church, Northampton. Edward Clark,
Samuel L. Hinckley.

Church of the Messiah, Wood's Hole. Thomas J. Tasker.

St. Paul's Church, Nantucket.

A quorum being present, the Convention proceeded to business.

On motion,

Resolved, That in the election of a Secretary, balloting be dispensed with.

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Resolved, That the Rev. Joseph H. Clinch, the former Secretary, be re-elected.

The Secretary asked permission of the House, to appoint the Rev. William H. Brooks as his assistant, which,

On motion, was granted.

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Resolved, That in the election of a Treasurer, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. S. B. Babcock, the former Treasurer, be re-elected.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rules of Order, adopted by the last Convention, be adopted for the government of this body.

On motion,

Resolved, That Clergymen of this Church, not entitled to seats in the Convention, and Candidates for Holy Orders, be invited to be present at the sittings of this body.

Whereupon, the following appeared, and took seats in the Convention :

The Rev. Heman Dyer, D.D., Diocese of New York.

"	A. C. Patterson,	"	W. New York.
"	Edwin B. Chase,	"	New Jersey.
"	N. Disbrow,	"	New Brunswick.
"	James Pratt,	"	Maine.
"	Pelham Williams,	"	Maine.
"	Thomas H. Vail,	"	Massachusetts.
"	Otto S. Barten,	"	Massachusetts.
"	Edmund B. Palmer,	"	Massachusetts.
"	Francis A. Foxcroft,	"	Massachusetts.
"	Edward Cowley,	"	Massachusetts.
"	Francis Byrne,	"	Jamaica, W. I.

On motion,

Resolved, That the usual Committees be appointed by the Chair.

The Chair announced the appointment of the following Committees :

Committee on Qualifications. Rev. Theodore W. Snow, Rev. Henry Burroughs, Jr., Benjamin P. Richardson.

Committee on New Parishes. Rev. George Leeds, Rev. Gordon M. Bradley, Benjamin F. Hallett.

Committee on Finance. Rev. Thomas R. Lambert, William Pearse, Sanford M. Hunt.

Executive Committee. Rev. William R. Babcock, Rev. Edmund F. Slafter, Rev. Emery M. Porter.

Committee on Unfinished Business. Rev. Nicholas Hop-
pin, George M. Browne.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now adjourn to meet in this place at 4 o'clock, this afternoon.

Adjourned.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of the morning Session were read and approved.

Some additional Certificates of Lay Delegates were handed in and read, and referred to the Committee on Qualifications.

The Bishop then delivered his

Annual Address :

MY BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY :—

I now present to you, according to my duty, the record of my official services since we last assembled together.

On the Third Sunday after the Epiphany, January 25, 1857, which followed the adjournment of our last Convention, I attended in the evening the Annual Examination of the Sunday School of the Church of the Messiah, Boston ; and, after addresses by the Rev. Messrs. Wells and Snow of this Diocese, and the Rev. Dr. Dyer of New York, made some remarks to the teachers.

On Thursday, March 5, at an Ordination held in St. Paul's, Brookline, I admitted to Priest's Orders the Rev. Winslow W. Sever, Deacon, Rector of St. John's, Sandwich. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. T. W. Snow, who, with the Rev. Drs. Stone and Randall, the Rev. Mr. Cutler, and others of the Clergy present, united with me in the imposition of hands. Mr. Sever, in June last, was transferred to the Diocese of New York.

On the afternoon of the Second Sunday in Lent, March 8, I officiated for the first time at Melrose. The services were held in the temporary place of worship occupied by the congregation of Trinity Church ; and I confirmed 7 persons.

On the Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 29, at an Ordination held in the temporary place of worship occupied by the congregation of Grace Church, Newton Corner, I admitted to Deacon's Orders Mr. William Stevens Perry, a Candidate for Orders of this Dio-

cese. Mr. Perry has officiated, since his ordination, as an Assistant to the Rector of St. Paul's, Boston.

In the afternoon I examined the pupils of the Sunday School of Grace Church, Newton Corner ; and

In the evening, confirmed 13 in Christ Church, Boston.

On Friday, April 3, I confirmed 16 in the evening in St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston.

On the Sunday next before Easter, April 5, I confirmed 19 in the morning in Trinity Church, Boston ; and

In the afternoon of the same day, confirmed 5 in Christ Church, Cambridge.

On Good Friday, April 10, I confirmed 22 in the evening in the Church of the Messiah, Boston.

In the afternoon of Easter Day, April 12, in Grace Church, Boston, I examined in the Catechism the Sunday Scholars of the parish, together with the young inmates of the Home for Orphan and Destitute Children.

In the evening of the same day, I confirmed 5 in St. John's, East Boston. The Rev. John Irwin has resigned the Rectorship of this parish, and become the Missionary in charge of the chapel in Commercial street, under the auspices of our Board of Missions for Seamen. He has been succeeded at East Boston by the Rev. Samuel J. Evans, from the Diocese of New Jersey.

On the first Sunday after Easter, April 19, I preached in the morning in St. Anne's, Lowell ; and in the afternoon confirmed 44, and catechized the children.

On the Second Sunday after Easter, April 26, I confirmed 29 in the afternoon in St. Paul's, Boston ; and

In the evening of the same day, confirmed 8 in St. John's, Jamaica Plain.

On Tuesday, April 28, I confirmed 1 in the evening in Christ Church, Quincy.

On Wednesday, April 29, I confirmed 1 in the afternoon in St. Andrew's, Hanover; and preached in the Lecture Room in the evening.

On Thursday, April 30, I preached in the afternoon in Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

On the Third Sunday after Easter, May 3, I catechized the children, preached, and, in conjunction with the Rector, administered the Holy Communion, in St. Thomas's Church, Taunton, in the morning; and confirmed 9 in the evening.

On the evening of the Fourth Sunday after Easter, May 10, in the Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia, I had the honor and privilege of preaching the Annual Sermon in behalf of the American Sunday School Union. This noble Institution is taking a prominent part in the work of blessing this vast country with Scriptural truth; and God is crowning its labors with increasing success. I am much gratified with the favor which it has received among the clergy of this Diocese. They will never regret, upon a dying bed, their support of an Association, which is carrying on so powerful an agency for informing the youth of our land with the knowledge of the Lamb of God, slain for their redemption. I commend the Institution once more to your love and honor.

During this same week I made a journey to Toronto, Canada West, for the purpose of being present, by request, at the Anniversary of the Upper Canada Bible Society. On the Fifth Sunday after Easter, May 17, I preached in the Cathedral in the morning and afternoon, and also had the pleasure of examining the Sunday Scholars before the morning service. I also preached in the Parochial School Room in the evening. The Bible Society meeting took place on the evening of Wednesday, May 20; on which occasion I delivered an address. This opportunity of meeting with many devoted servants of God, not only of our

own beloved Church, but of other branches of the Church of Christ, who had come together to rejoice in the blessings of the word of life, and to promote its circulation, was one of real consolation and refreshment to my heart. Such gatherings of God's people of every name are a blessed illustration of the unity of all to whom Christ is precious; and seem to me more and more, the longer I live, like a foretaste of that better world, where all the followers of the Lamb shall unite in one song to Him that "washed them from their sins in his own blood."

On the Sunday after Ascension Day, May 24, I preached in the morning, and addressed the Sunday Scholars, in Christ Church, Springfield; and in the evening confirmed 17 persons.

In the afternoon of the same day, I preached in Grace Church, Chicopee. It gives me great pleasure to say, that since my visit to this parish, then vacant, the Rev. Andrew Croswell has become its Rector, and finds great encouragement in his labors.

On Tuesday, May 26, I preached in the evening in St. John's, Northampton. The Rev. Mr. Hubbard had resigned this parish, and been transferred to New York, just before this visit. During the last autumn, the people began to enjoy once more the regular ministrations of the gospel; the Rev Otto Sievers Barten, formerly of the Diocese of New York, having become the Rector.

On Wednesday, May 27, I confirmed 5 in the afternoon in St. James's, Greenfield.

On Whitsunday, May 31, I examined the Sunday School, and confirmed 11 persons in the morning, in Grace Church, Lawrence; and

In the afternoon of the same day, confirmed 3 in Christ Church, Andover.

On Tuesday in Whitsun-Week, June 2, I confirmed 13 in the

evening in St. Stephen's, Lynn, including 2 from Trinity Church, Boston. I take great pleasure in mentioning, that, through the active interest of several members of this parish, a substantial and convenient house has been purchased for a Rectory.

On Wednesday, June 3, I confirmed 14 in the evening in St. Peter's, Salem.

On Thursday, June 4, I catechized the children in the afternoon in St. Michael's, Marblehead, and confirmed 9 persons in the evening.

On Trinity Sunday, June 7, I confirmed 9 in Grace Church, Boston, in the afternoon; and

In the evening of the same day, confirmed 8 in Christ Church, Waltham; making, with 1 hereafter to be mentioned, the number of 4 since the last Convention.

On Wednesday, June 10, I confirmed 5 in the afternoon in St. James's, Amesbury, including 1 from St. Paul's, Newburyport.

St. Barnabas the Apostle, Thursday, June 11, at an Ordination held in St. Anne's, Lowell, I admitted to Deacon's Orders Mr. Edward Cowley, a Candidate for Orders of this Diocese. Mr. Cowley, immediately after his ordination, became the Assistant minister of Trinity Church, Bridgewater. After having occupied that situation for a few months, he relinquished it; and has been officiating temporarily, and very usefully, in the newly organized parish of Calvary Church, Danvers. There appears to be a very favorable opening for our Church in that town; and the congregation have secured the services of the Rev. Robert F. Chase, who has resigned the charge of St. James's, Amesbury, and is about to commence the duties of his new field of labor.

On the First Sunday after Trinity, June 14, I confirmed 7 in the afternoon in St Paul's, Brookline; and

In the evening of the same day, confirmed 2 in St. Luke's, Chelsea; making, with 1 hereafter to be mentioned, 3 since the last Convention.

On Monday, June 15, at Taunton, I had the pleasure of laying the corner stone of the new stone church, the intended building of which by the parish of St. Thomas's, in that town, I mentioned in my Address to the last Convention. Several of the Clergy of the Diocese, and a large number of other persons, witnessed the solemn services; and an Address was delivered by the Rector, the Rev. Dr. Neville. This noble building, the design of which was furnished by Mr. Upjohn, is not yet completed. In the August following the ceremony just recorded, the Rev. Dr. Neville resigned the Rectorship, and removed to the Diocese of New Jersey. He has been succeeded by the Rev. Thomas H. Vail, from the Diocese of Rhode Island.

On Tuesday, June 16, in the Church of the Ascension, Fall River, I catechized the children in the afternoon, and confirmed 6 persons in the evening.

On the afternoon of Wednesday, June 17, I catechized the children, and confirmed 1 person, in Christ Church, Swansea.

On Thursday, June 18, I confirmed 7 in the evening in Trinity Church, Pawtucket.

On Saturday, June 20, I confirmed at her own residence a sick parishioner of St. Luke's, Chelsea.

On the Second Sunday after Trinity, June 21, I preached in the morning, and catechized the children, in Trinity Church, Haverhill; and in the afternoon confirmed 6 persons.

On Tuesday, June 23, in the presence of several of the Clergy of the Diocese, and a numerous assembly of persons, I performed the pleasing duty of laying the corner stone of the new stone church of St. Paul's, Dedham, which is in place of the for-

mer edifice destroyed by fire. An Address was delivered on the occasion by the Rector, the Rev. Samuel B. Babcock ; which was followed by a few words from myself. This church will in a short time be ready for consecration.

On the Third Sunday after Trinity, June 28, I confirmed 6 in the afternoon in Grace Church, Medford,

On the Fifth Sunday after Trinity, July 12, I confirmed 3 persons in the afternoon in St. Mary's, Dorchester, including 1 from St. Paul's, Boston. This visit gave me an opportunity of seeing, for the first time, St. Mary's Church since its enlargement. This good work of the parishioners, besides affording a great increase in the number of sittings, has much improved the architectural appearance of the church, both as it respects the exterior and the interior of the building.

On Tuesday, July 14, I catechized the children in the afternoon, and confirmed 2 persons in the evening, in the Church of the Messiah, Wood's Hole.

On the Sixth Sunday after Trinity, July 19, I confirmed 9 in the evening in St. John's, Charlestown.

On Tuesday, July 21, at an Ordination held in Grace Church, Boston, I admitted to Priest's Orders the Rev. Jesse A. Penniman, Deacon, Rector of St. Paul's, Stockbridge. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Justin Field, Rector of Grace Church, Medford ; who, together with the Rev. Dr. Wells, the Rev. Mr. Parnter, of the Diocese of Nova Scotia, and the Rev. Messrs. Lambert, Mason, Irwin, and Smithett, united with me in the imposition of hands.

On the Seventh Sunday after Trinity, July 26, in the temporary place of worship used by the congregation of Grace Church, Newton Corner, I catechized the children, and confirmed 12 persons, in the afternoon.

On Wednesday, September 2, in St. Paul's, Newburyport, I performed the mournful duty of reading the burial service at the funeral of the daughter of our respected brother, the Rev. William Horton, Rector of that Parish. The sympathies of his ministering brethren in this Diocese have, without doubt, been long since awakened by this calamitous dispensation. To add to the sorrow of the bereaved parents, this daughter was an only child; and was one, therefore, around whom clustered the tenderest recollections, and the fondest hopes. At the early age of 25 years, with every thing in her outward circumstances to make life pleasant to herself, and every thing in her own character to make her continuance desirable to others, she was summoned away. But with the grief of those from whom she has been taken there is mingled unspeakable consolation. She fell asleep in Christ; and manifested the result of her father's sound and scriptural teaching, blest by the Spirit of God, in that hope of glory which is built not upon the forms and ceremonies of religion, but upon a resort by faith to that Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world. I endeavored, in a brief address delivered on this occasion, to speak the language of comfort to the desolated household; and to urge a few solemn admonitions upon the large congregation of young persons, and others, gathered within the walls of the church.

I take this opportunity of mentioning, that Miss Horton, among the last acts of her life, made a bequest to the Home for Orphan and Destitute children, established in this city under the care of members of our Church.

On St. Michael and All Angels, Tuesday, September 29, in the Church of the Intercession, New York, the Provisional Bishop of that Diocese admitted to Deacon's Orders, at my request, Mr. Henry Marsh, a Candidate for Orders of this Diocese.

Mr. Marsh has been officiating, since his ordination, as an assistant to the Rector of the Church above mentioned.

During this same month of September, I made an excursion, for the purpose of recreation, in Canada ; and, during my visit there, had the privilege, in Trinity chapel, Quebec, of preaching a sermon in aid of the Colonial Church and School Society. This Institution was established some years ago in England, with the view of furnishing the Colonies with efficient missionaries of truly protestant and evangelical principles. It has enjoyed a large measure of the divine blessing, and is daily receiving accessions to the number of its friends, and, consequently, to the amount of its resources.

On Friday, October 23, in St. John's, Wilkinsonville, I confirmed 1 in the afternoon, and preached a second time in the evening.

On the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity, October 25, I confirmed 2 in the morning in All Saints', Worcester ; and

In the afternoon of the same day, preached in Christ Church, Clappville.

On Tuesday, October 27, I preached in the morning, and again in the afternoon, in St. John's, Ashfield.

On Thursday, October 29, I preached in the morning, and administered the Lord's Supper, in the temporary place of worship occupied by the parishioners of St. John's, North Adams ; and confirmed 1 in the evening. The congregation here, I am glad to say, are now engaged in the building of a church, which I trust will be ready for consecration in the course of the present year. The minister of this parish is the Rev. Benjamin F. DeCosta, who has been received with letters dimissory from the Diocese of New Hampshire ; and takes the place of the Rev. W. Willian, transferred, in June last, to the Diocese of Maine.

On Friday, October 30, I preached in the morning in St. Luke's, Lanesborough, and confirmed 2 in the afternoon.

On Saturday, October 31, in St. Stephen's, Pittsfield, I catechized the children in the afternoon, and confirmed 21 in the evening, including 1 from the Church of the Advent, Boston; making, with 1 confirmed on the following day at Lenox, and 1 at Grace Church, Boston, hereafter to be mentioned, 22 as the whole number since our last Convention.

On the Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity, November 1, in Trinity Church Lenox, I confirmed 2 in the morning, including the person from Pittsfield just mentioned. I also, in conjunction with the Rector, administered the Holy Communion. The vacancy in this parish, created by the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Brooks, has been filled by the appointment of the Rev. Samuel P. Parker, who has been received once more into this Diocese by letters dismissory from the Provisional Bishop of New York.

In the afternoon of the same day I confirmed 10 in St. Paul's, Stockbridge. The Rev. Mr. Penniman has resigned this parish, and removed to West Brookfield; where he is engaged earnestly in introducing the services of our Church among a people to whom he is much attached, and to whom these services have hitherto been unknown.

On Tuesday, November 3, I confirmed 13 in the afternoon in the temporary place of worship occupied by the congregation of St. George's, Lee. At the time of my visit, the parish church at this place had advanced very nearly to completion, and has since been opened for regular services. The parishioners have manifested great energy and zeal in thus finishing their edifice, notwithstanding the great difficulties created by the depressed financial condition of the country; and I trust that the blessing

of God will be with them for the future. A small debt still remains upon the building. But it is hoped that, through its liquidation at no distant day, the beautiful sanctuary thus erected may soon be duly consecrated to the service of the Lord God Almighty.

On Wednesday, November 4, I preached in the morning, and catechized the children, in Trinity Church, Vandeusenville; and

In the evening of the same day, confirmed 7 in St. James's, Great Barrington. The people here have been engaged, since the last Convention, in the erection of a new, substantial, and impressive parish church, which, at the period of my visit, was making rapid progress towards completion. On the grounds adjoining, there is a neat and convenient building which has been secured for a parsonage. In this enterprize the parish have undertaken a much needed work. In so doing they have had to struggle with the financial obstacles, which have hindered others in similar circumstances at this time. May the good providence of God carry them through successfully, and enable them to present their church, in due time, for consecration to the worship and service of the Lord!

On Friday, November 6, I preached in the morning in St. Paul's, Otis; and

In the afternoon of the same day, preached in St. Andrew's, New Boston. These two parishes were, at the time of my visit, without the services of a resident minister. The Rev. Noah Disbrow, of the Diocese of Fredericton, has been officiating at both places for a short time past; and there was recently a prospect that the parish of St. Mark's, Blandford, who have a fund in their possession, would unite with St. Paul's, Otis, in sustaining the stated ministrations of the gospel. The former parish, however, have declined entering into this arrangement, which

would have been a great blessing to a region where the preached word, and other ordinances, are greatly needed.

On Wednesday, November 11, I confirmed 11 in the evening in St. Paul's, Newburyport; making, with 1 previously mentioned, the number of 12 since the last Convention.

On the Twenty-Third Sunday after Trinity, November 15, I confirmed 12 in the evening in St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston.

On the First Sunday in Advent, November 29, in St. Mary's, Newton, Lower Falls, I confirmed 9 in the afternoon, including 1 from Christ Church, Waltham; and also catechized the children.

On Wednesday, December 2, I confirmed 9 in the evening in Grace Church, New Bedford.

On Wednesday, December 9, I confirmed 6 in the evening in St. John's, Millville.

On Thursday, December 17, I confirmed 10 in the evening in Christ Church, Andover, and also an infirm member of the parish at his residence.

On the Sunday after Christmas-Day, December 27, I confirmed 37 in the afternoon in the Church of the Advent, Boston; making, with 1 confirmed at Pittsfield, as already mentioned, and 2 hereafter to be noticed, 40 as the whole number since our last Convention.

On the Second Sunday after Christmas-Day, January 3, 1858, I confirmed 8 in the evening in the Free Church of St. Mary for Sailors, Boston; 7 of these candidates being seamen, and the other the wife of a sailor.

On the First Sunday after the Epiphany, January 10, I confirmed 9 in the afternoon in St. James's, Roxbury; to whom is to be added 1 afterwards confirmed in St. Mark's, Boston, making 10 the number since the last Convention.

On the morning of the Second Sunday after the Epiphany, January 17, I visited for the first time the parish of St. Andrew's, Chelsea, which has been organized since the last Convention; preaching in the temporary place of worship occupied by the congregation. The services, for some time, were conducted by various clergymen in the neighborhood; and, of late, the Rev. George D. Wildes, as Rector elect, has had charge of the parish.

On the evening of Monday, January 25, being the Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul, I was present in St. John's, Jamaica Plain; and, after addresses by the Rev. Messrs. Drown and John Cotton Smith, made some remarks to the congregation assembled, in regard to the duties of those who profess and call themselves Christians. This was a service preparatory to a meeting, in that parish, of the Southern District Church Missionary Association. I had great gratification in seeing, on this occasion, the beautiful effect of the recent enlargement and interior improvement of this church; and beg to thank the parishioners for the energy, liberality, and judgment, with which this good work has been executed. My mind, while sitting within this now commodious and chaste structure, could not but revert to those days of depression which many of us remember, in thinking of the earlier times of this parish. From the period when, by the efforts of a few, the alienated building came back into the possession of the congregation, there has been, through God's favor, a steady advance in prosperity. This is the second enlargement of the building within the space of a few years. May the increased provision which has thus been made for the spiritual wants of the neighborhood be followed by the blessing of the Holy Spirit, through the instrumentality of the word preached within this renovated house of God!

In the evening of Sexagesima Sunday, February 7, I deliver-

ed, in the Episcopal Chapel for Seamen in Commercial Street, Boston, the first of a series of Lectures set on foot by its missionary for the benefit of those, of every calling and description, who are in the habit of attending no place of worship whatsoever ; my subject, on this occasion, being The Value of the Bible.

On Thursday evening, February 25, I had the pleasure of visiting the parish of St. Paul's, Auburndale, which has been organized since the last Convention ; and the present circumstances of which warrant the expectation that it will be permanent. The services were held in a very convenient and appropriate place of worship, which has been secured by the congregation for their use ; and I administered to 7 persons the rite of Confirmation. Of this new parish the Rev. N. G. Allen, who has been received into this Diocese from that of Maryland, has the charge.

On the Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 14, I confirmed 17 in the afternoon in St. Matthew's, South Boston.

On Wednesday, March 17, I confirmed 2 in the evening in Grace Church, Medford ; making, with the 6 already mentioned, 8 as the number since the last Convention.

On the Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 21, I confirmed 19 in the morning in Trinity Church, Boston ; making, with those previously recorded, and 2 hereafter to be mentioned, 42 as the whole number for this parish since the last Convention.

In the afternoon of the same day, I confirmed 26 in St. Mark's, Boston, including 1 from St. James's, Roxbury. The Rev. Mr. Baury has relinquished the charge of St. Mark's, and the present Rector is the Rev. Cyrus F. Knight, who has been received into this Diocese from that of Pennsylvania.

On Friday, March 26, I confirmed 14 in the afternoon in St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston, including 1 from Trinity Church ; mak-

ing, with those confirmed on the two occasions already mentioned, 41 as the whole number of attendants at this Chapel who have received the laying on of hands since our last Convention.

On the Sunday next before Easter, March 28, I confirmed 16 in the afternoon in St. Paul's, Boston; making, with those previously mentioned, 46 as the number since the last Convention.

In the evening of the same day, I confirmed 28 in the Church of the Messiah, Boston; making, in addition to those already mentioned, 50 as the number since the last Convention.

Thursday before Easter, April 1, I confirmed 17 in the evening in St. John's, Charlestown. The whole number is 27 since the last Convention.

On Easter Day, April 4, in Tremont Temple, Boston, I preached in the evening the last of a series of sermons delivered, by various persons, before the Boston Young Men's Christian Association.

On Monday in Easter-Week, April 5, in Trinity Church, Boston, I confirmed a parishioner of St. John's, Northampton.

On Tuesday, in Easter-Week, April 6, I confirmed 18 in the evening in Christ Church, Andover; making, with those before mentioned, the number of 32 since the last Convention.

On Wednesday, April 7, at an Ordination held in St. Paul's, Boston, I admitted to Priest's Orders the Rev. William Stevens Perry, Deacon, Assistant to the Rector of that parish. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. William B. Stevens, D. D., Rector of St. Andrew's, Philadelphia; who, together with the Rev. Messrs. Baur, Lambert, Fales, and J. S. Copley Greene, united with me in the imposition of hands.

On the First Sunday after Easter, April 11, I preached in the morning in St. Anne's, Lowell; and in the afternoon confirmed 59, and catechized the children. In this parish 103 have been

confirmed since our last Convention. I record with great satisfaction the fact, that, with contributions from the parishioners of St. Anne's, and from many of the citizens of Lowell, a chime of bells has been purchased, and placed in the tower of the church. These bells were heard by me, on the day of my Visitation, inviting the people with their melodious sounds to come up to the house of the Lord.

On the Second Sunday after Easter, April 18, in Grace Church, Boston, I catechized the children in the afternoon, including the inmates of the Home for Orphan and Destitute Children; and confirmed 17 persons. Of these, 12 were parishioners of Grace Church; 2 were from the Church of the Advent; 1 was from Trinity Church; 1 from St. Stephen's, Pittsfield; and 1 from St. John's, Charlestown. Since the last Convention of the Diocese, I have confirmed 21 parishioners of Grace Church.

In the evening of the same day, I confirmed 12 in St. John's, Jamaica Plain; making, with those previously mentioned, 20 as the number since the last Convention.

On the Third Sunday after Easter, April 25, I confirmed 14 in the afternoon in Christ Church, Cambridge; making, with the 5 already mentioned, 19 as the whole number since the last Convention. This ancient and beautiful church has recently, as most of you are aware, been enlarged; and none can fail to perceive the great improvement thereby made, both in the exterior and the inside of the edifice. This change, moreover, which adds very considerably to the number of sittings, has been made without affecting, in the slightest degree, the general character and features of a building, which has become endeared to us by so many impressive recollections of the past. The Rector, the Rev. Mr. Hoppin, has recently, at the request of the parish, published a Sermon preached by him in reference to this event in its

annals, accompanied by a very interesting Historical Notice of the church.

In the evening of the same day, I confirmed 5 in Christ Church, Boston ; making, with the 13 previously mentioned, 18 as the whole number confirmed since the last Convention.

On Sunday last, the Fourth after Easter, May 2, in the Episcopal Chapel for Seamen in Commercial Street, Boston, I confirmed 4 persons in the evening. The Annual Report of the Board of Missions for Seamen, as well as the Report of the Missionary in charge of this station, will show the extent to which it has been favored with the divine blessing ; and will present the grounds upon which I now ask in its behalf, as I do most earnestly, the encouragement and sympathy of this Convention, and the prayers and aid of its individual members. I have to acknowledge, with many thanks, the kind response made by some of my brethren of the Clergy to an application which I made to them, for pecuniary assistance from their parishes to a good work set on foot, during the last winter, by several ladies of this city, — The Episcopal Association for Clothing Destitute Seamen. This Association has been productive of much good, and has been a great encouragement to Mr. Irwin in his labors.

From the foregoing particulars the following result is obtained :— Since the last Convention of this Diocese, I have confirmed 777 persons ; laid the corner-stone of 2 churches ; ordained 3 Deacons, and 3 Priests ; and 3 parishes have been organized.

It will have been perceived that the number of persons presented for Confirmation, since we last met together, is unusually large. This is, of course, partly to be accounted for by the fact, that, as the time of our assembling in Convention this year is later by nearly four months than that of our last annual meeting,

an opportunity has been afforded for a second Confirmation in nearly all the churches in Boston, and in a few of the neighboring parishes. But there can be no doubt that the increased number is in part, also, the result of that unwonted attention to the things of eternity, which, for some time past, has manifested itself throughout this whole country. This state of things has been very remarkable. It seems to have been caused by no extraordinary measures, adopted by man for the purpose of producing excitement; but to have been simply the work of the Lord God Almighty. Divine Providence had visited the land with an utter prostration of its accustomed temporal prosperity: and, through those convictions of the vanity of earthly confidences which this judgment, blest by the sanctifying Spirit, produced in large numbers of the population, there has arisen an extraordinary desire of heavenly blessings; a turning towards the Lord Jesus Christ, as the only Rock of security; and a widely diffused spirit, among the inhabitants of these States, of prayer and supplication for themselves and others. It has rejoiced my heart to find how general and glad has been the readiness, with which the Clergy of this Diocese have met this condition of the public mind, and endeavored to turn it to good account by bringing to human hearts the consolations of the precious Gospel. The season of Lent, with its multiplied services, has afforded a most happy opportunity for taking advantage of the seriousness pervading the community; and these occasions have been marked by a most gratifying attendance. And I am sure you will have felt, my reverend and dear brethren, during this period of awakened interest in the things of God, how grateful we ought to be for the scriptural and profoundly spiritual character of our Liturgy; and for the fact that there is no extent of directness, on the part of the preacher, in setting forth

the misery of man by nature, and the exclusiveness of that remedy which Emmanuel's blood provides, in which he is not encouraged and sustained to the full by this incomparable form of sound words, which has been bequeathed to us by our blessed Reformers.

It is not my pleasure, as you have seen, to be able to record the consecration of any new churches in the Diocese since the time when I last met you in Convention. It is a satisfaction, however, to feel the assurance, that this act will be performed, in the course of the present year, for some at least of those new edifices, which either have been reared, as in the case of St. Paul's, Dedham, with more enduring materials, in the place of that which the flames had destroyed ; or have been erected, like St. Thomas's, Taunton, and St. James's, Great Barrington, for the purpose of affording, in union with a high architectural character, greater accommodation than the former buildings possessed. The church now in progress at North Adams, and that of St. George's, Lee, will, perhaps, both be consecrated before we meet together again ; and we shall then have, in these young parishes, two fresh additions to the number of those congregations in the Diocese, which enjoy the blessing of Gospel ministrations within sanctuaries solemnly dedicated, according to the form and manner prescribed by our Church, to the service of the Triune God.

The following changes, in addition to those already mentioned, have occurred in the Diocese since the last Convention : — The Rev. W. Withington has been transferred to the Diocese of Ohio ; and the Rev. Charles H. Canfield, formerly Minister of St. Paul's, Nantucket, to New Jersey. The Rev. Charles H. Seymour, Principal of the Punchard Free School at Andover, has been received from the Diocese of Connecticut.

Among the events that have taken place since we last assembled on this spot, I have to record the departure from this life of two of our Clergy ; and, in so doing, to remind myself and you of those monitory lessons which are hereby addressed to our hearts. On the 6th of last July, the Rev. John L. Blake, D. D., died at Orange, in the State of New Jersey. Dr. Blake, though canonically connected with this Diocese at the time of his decease, had resided elsewhere for many years. It is now a long time since he ceased to officiate as a parochial clergyman ; having devoted himself to the composition of many useful works for the press. On Wednesday, March 24, of this present year, the Rev. Asa Eaton, D. D., expired at his residence in this city at an advanced age, and after a lengthened ministry. After his resignation of the Rectorship of Christ Church, Boston, which he so long held, he became a city missionary, and labored in this office for several years ; after which he removed to New Jersey, and was connected for a considerable time with St. Mary's Hall, at Burlington in that Diocese. In 1843 he resumed his connexion with this Diocese ; and from that period to the time of his death was prevented by infirmity, as you are all aware, from assuming any parochial charge. When the Church of the Advent was organized in this city, Dr. Eaton became a regular attendant there, and frequently took some part in the service. My brethren in the ministry, while these have been taken away,—and while numbers of our fellow-laborers in other Dioceses have been removed to eternity, some of them, as in a recent instance which has sent a shock to every heart, in the bloom of early manhood, and by a violent and unexpected stroke,—we ourselves still remain. Let us seek for grace to improve this merciful continuance of our days, by laboring with increased ardor in our gracious Master's service ; by preaching the clear truth of God's

word from the pulpit; by standing up firmly on the side of truth at all times; and by so fulfilling our appointed term of duty, while we are permitted to live, that at last we may be pronounced to have been faithful stewards when the Lord shall come "to judge the earth!"

The Candidates for Holy Orders of the Diocese are the following:—Reginald H. Chase, Wentworth S. Butler, Charles A. Sumner, Phillips Brooks, Abner P. Brush, Richard F. Putnam, and Charles Wingate—Total, 7. The names of Frederick O. Barstow, and Eastburn Benjamin, two of the Candidates on the list presented at the last Convention, have been erased at their own request; and John L. Graves, who became a Candidate in May last, has also requested his name to be erased. Benjamin R. Gifford, another of the Candidates named in my Address to the last Convention, was transferred in June last to the Diocese of Iowa, and has been admitted by its Bishop to Deacon's Orders.

Before concluding this Address, let me be allowed to say a few affectionate words to my beloved brethren of the Laity, whom it is my happiness to meet in this our annual Convention. I have already adverted to the remarkable degree of interest in "the things that belong to our peace," now prevailing through the land. Let me express the hope, that each individual among you will labor, in his appropriate sphere, to increase this attention to the great salvation in that part of the Lord's vineyard in which Providence has cast his lot. My beloved friends, seek for a personal consecration of yourselves to the glory of Christ, and the advancement of his kingdom. Strive to set a consistent example before the world, by "avoiding those things that are contrary to your profession, and following all such things as are agreeable to the same." Be much in prayer for the descent of the Holy Ghost upon the ministrations which you enjoy. Every

ambassador of Christ who is truly sent of God will rejoice to know, that he has those around him who sympathize with him in his work ; who bear him on their petitions to the mercy-seat ; who are ready cordially to co-operate with him in every proper plan of usefulness ; and who, not contented with simply attending the ordinances, and supporting them by their means, are affectionately desiring to see the fruit of those ordinances in the conversion of the impenitent, and in the building up of professed Christians in holiness of life. And, my dear brethren, ought I not to say to you, how great is your responsibility in regard to the choice of those who are to minister to you in holy things ? How pained have I been in hearing the sentiments which have been expressed by many, in various parts of the Diocese, in regard to the qualifications to be looked for when such a choice is to be made ! How often has it been my sorrow to find, that, in the enumeration of these qualifications, there was not the slightest recognition of the highest of all, — of that, in fact, without which all others are worthless in a Christian minister, — namely, a clear apprehension of scriptural truth, united with a simple, conscientious, and firm resolution to proclaim this truth, in faith that the Lord of the harvest will surely crown it with his blessing ! My respected and beloved friends, great is the accountability lying upon you with reference to this trust. You may either materially help on the cause of Christ by acting on right principles in such circumstances, or retard that cause to a fearful degree by taking erroneous views. May God lead you all, by his Spirit, to a deep sense of the obligations by which you are bound ; and thus secure, through your fidelity, that only true prosperity of our beloved Church, which is to be found in the possession of a ministry bringing men, by their preaching, to an individual resting of the soul on Christ, as “wisdom and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption !”

Applications from Trinity Church, Haverhill, and Calvary Church, Danvers, were laid before the Convention, which applications, were

On motion, referred to the Committee on New Parishes.

The Rev. Theodore W. Snow, from the Committee on Qualifications, made the following report :

The Committee on Qualifications respectfully report, that the list of Clergy, read by the Secretary, is found to be correct, with the exception of the Rev. Otto S. Barten, who has not been canonically resident for six months in the Diocese; the Rev. Benjamin H. Chase, late rector of St. John's, Wilkinsonville, who resigned at Easter, to take charge of a parish in the Diocese of Rhode Island; and the Rev. Edward Cowley, whose connection with the Missionary Station at Danvers Plains ceased about the same time. The certificates of Lay Delegates, submitted to them by the Secretary, are substantially in accordance with the prescribed form, with the exception of those from St. Thomas's, Taunton; St. John's, East Boston; Grace Church, Boston; All Saints', Worcester, and St. Paul's, Brookline, — in neither of which it is recorded that the Delegates are stated worshippers in the Parishes which they represent. As this qualification is required in the third clause of the Constitution, and as the Secretary furnishes, on the cover of the Journal, and in connection with his notice in the Witness, the regular form of certificate to be sent, it is to be regretted that it is not strictly adhered to.

Which report, on motion, was accepted.

The Secretary read the following Communication from the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the General Convention :—

Philadelphiu, April 13, 1858.

RIGHT REV. AND DEAR SIR, — It is made my duty by the 50th Canon of 1832, to give you, as “the Ecclesiastical Author-

ity in the Diocese" of Massachusetts, "particular notice," that the following Amendments of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church were "proposed," at the General Convention of the same, held in the City of Philadelphia, in October of 1856. To wit:—instead of "Article III." as now in force, the following,

ARTICLE 3. Whenever General Conventions are held, the Bishops of this Church shall form a separate House, with the right to originate and propose acts for the concurrence of the House of Deputies, and all acts must pass both Houses.

And instead of "Article VI," the following,

ARTICLE 6. The mode of trying Bishops shall be provided by the General Convention. The Court appointed for that purpose shall be composed of Bishops only. In every Diocese the mode of trying Presbyters and Deacons may be instituted by the Convention of the Diocese, but the General Convention may establish a Court of Appeals for the revision of the decision of Diocesan Courts. None but a Bishop shall pronounce sentence of admonition, suspension, or degradation from the Ministry on any Clergyman, whether Bishop, Presbyter, or Deacon. Such Court of Appeals not to revise the determination of any question of fact.

I remain, Right Rev. and Dear Sir,

Very Respectfully, your Obed't Servant,

M. A. DE WOLFE HOWE.

Secretary of House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

The Right Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts.

The Petition of Trinity Church, Melrose, which was presented to the last Convention, and not acted upon, was referred to the Committee on New Parishes.

The Rev. Mr. Hoppin, from the Committee on unfinished business, reported that the only business lying over from the last Convention is an amendment to the third Article of the Constitution laid over to be acted upon at this Convention, printed on pages 45 and 48, of the Journal of 1857, and an additional Canon relating to the

admission of New Parishes, found on page 48 of the Journal.

On motion,

Resolved, That the matters lying over from the last Convention, found on pages 45 and 48 of the Journal of 1857, be made the order of the day for to-morrow, at 12 o'clock.

On motion,

Resolved, That the reception of Reports be made the order of the day for to-morrow, at 10 o'clock, and that the election of officers of the Convention be made the order of the day, at 11 o'clock.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee of two be appointed by the Chair to audit the Treasurer's account.

The Chair appointed Mr. Edward A. Newton and Mr. James S. Amory, as that Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That the vote by which the Convention has decided that the matters lying over from the last Convention, be made the order of the day for to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, be reconsidered.

A motion having been made by the Rev. Dr. Vinton for the indefinite postponement of the alteration of the third Article of the Constitution, proposed by him at the last Convention, which motion was lost, it was,

On motion,

Resolved, That the proposed alteration of the third Article of the Constitution, found on page 45 of the Journal of 1857, be made the order of the day for to-morrow, at 12 o'clock.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Convention now adjourn, to meet at 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Adjourned.

Thursday Morning, 9 o'clock.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Alfred B. Goodrich, Rector of St. John's Church, Millville.

The roll having been called, several members of the Convention, not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The Rev. Theodore W. Snow, from the Committee on Extension of the Church, made the following report :

The Committee appointed at the last Convention, "to consider what measures can be taken to give greater unity and force to movements looking to the Extension of the Church in this Diocese," would respectfully report, that they have held three meetings, from the first of which was issued a circular to the Clergy of the Diocese, requesting suggestions; and at the last of which, held yesterday, a plan was presented, proposing important modifications. This plan has been distributed to the members of the Convention, in the form of a printed circular. As the Committee can have no opportunity at this late hour, for deliberate consideration, they would request that the whole subject be referred back to them for action, to be reported at the next Convention.

THEODORE W. SNOW, *Chairman.*

Which report was, on motion, accepted, and the whole subject was referred back to the same Committee, to report at the next Convention.

Applications from Grace Church, Newton Corner, and St. John's Church, North Adams, were presented for admission into union with this Convention, which applications were,

On motion, referred to the Committee on New Parishes.

The Rev. Charles Mason, from the Diocesan Board of Missions and Pastoral Aid Committee, made the Annual Report of that body.

Report of the Board of Missions.

The Board of Missions and Pastoral Aid Committee respectfully present to the Convention their twenty-second Annual Report.

Since the last Convention thirteen meetings have been held, at which there has been an average attendance of nine members. The appropriations for the year 1857, and the first quarter of 1858, have been as follows:

To the Missionary at			
Cambridgeport, for 1857,	\$100	From Jan. 1, to Apr. 1, '58,	\$25
East Boston,	" 300	" "	75
Newton Corner,	" 300	" "	75
North Adams,	" 400	" "	100
Stockbridge,	" 100	" "	25
Vandeusenville,	" 100	" "	25
Lee,	" 200		
Otis and New Boston,		" "	50
Ashfield,	" 100		
Chicopee, from Oct.	" 75	" "	75
Bridgewater, " "	" 25		
Lenox, " July,	" 50	" "	25
Nantucket, to April,	" 50		
Wood's Hole,	" 200	" "	50
Swansea,	" 100	" "	25
Danvers Plains,		" "	50
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\$2100		\$600	

The appropriations by the Eastern District Missionary Association for the same period were as follows:

To the Missionary at			
Haverhill, for 1857,	\$600	From Jan. 1, to Apr. 1, '58,	\$100.00
Melrose, "	250	"	62.50
Danvers Plains,		"	125.00
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	\$850		\$287.50

No appropriations have been made by the Southern District Missionary Association, but the contributions for Diocesan Missions in parishes of that district have been placed at the disposal of the Board, and have amounted to at least one half of all the funds disbursed from its treasury.

Frequent meetings have been held by both of these Associations in various parishes of their respective districts, which have generally been well attended, and have awakened much interest.

Under the auspices of the Eastern District Missionary Association the services of our Church were commenced in Danvers Plains in January last, and there is good prospect that a permanent parish will be the result.

Several members of St. Peter's Church, Salem, reside in Danvers, and the Rector of that Church has taken a deep interest in this movement. Until the first Sunday after Easter, the services were conducted by the Rev. Edward Cowley, after which the Rev. R. F. Chase, formerly of Amesbury, took permanent charge of the Mission.

This is the fourth Church in Essex County formed by the direct instrumentality of the District Association.

The largest part of the appropriations has been made to a few Churches, of comparatively recent origin, and established under circumstances which render it highly probable that they will at no distant day become self-supporting; such as those at Haverhill, East Boston, Newton Corner, North Adams, and Lee.

The appropriation to the Church at Lee was desired for one year only, that the parish might devote its strength more exclusively to the work of providing a place of worship. This has been successfully accomplished, and they have now a beautiful and commodious Church, and a good congregation under the

charge of the Rev. Dr. Chapman, who commenced the services, which have led so rapidly to these results, about two years ago. The prospects of the church at North Adams were somewhat clouded by the sudden resignation of its first minister, but they have recently revived, and the Missionary, the Rev. B. F. De Costa, is now engaged in efforts to secure the erection of a church the ensuing summer, with strong reason to hope for entire success.

From other parts of Berkshire County the Board have received cheering reports. Trinity Church, Lenox, which has met with so many reverses, is now in a more prosperous state than for many years past. The attendance at public worship and the Communion has increased, great success has followed the exertions of the Rector to introduce congregational singing, and in several other respects the prospects of the parish are quite encouraging. The Church at Stockbridge, also, was never before in a better condition. The ministry of the Rev. Mr. Penniman was very acceptable to the parish, and attended by marked results. He is now earnestly engaged in forming a Church at West Brookfield. At Chicopee, the services of the Church, which had been suspended for some time, were commenced in October last by the Rev. Andrew Croswell; many of the scattered members of the parish have returned; important accessions have been made, and the Rector feels confident that this Church will now be established on a permanent basis.

Trinity Church, Haverhill, is in a flourishing condition, and the missionary aid, largely extended to it, has been rapidly diminished. It will soon, without doubt, take its place among the self-sustaining parishes of the Diocese.

Grace Church, Newton Corner, has continued to prosper, and will probably erect a chapel, as a temporary place of worship, the present year.

The Missionary at Melrose feels encouraged in regard to the prospects of his Church, and reports that there has been a steady increase of the congregation. The Churches at East Boston and Cambridgeport have gained in strength and numbers, and it is hoped will not much longer require missionary aid.

Though the Board cannot report the formation of more than one new Church, as the direct result of missionary services since the last Convention, they have the satisfaction of recording decided evidence of gain in the condition of several of the Churches which have been aided from our treasury. In no former year have there been so many Churches, thus assisted, which gave such distinct promise of rapidly becoming strong and efficient parishes.

The plan of large appropriations at a few important points — centres of considerable and growing communities — has been eminently successful, while at the same time there is abundant evidence, in the cheering revival of interest in Churches which had been in a depressed and decayed state, of the importance of extending a helping hand to the Churches, long in existence, but unable to sustain alone the whole expense of public worship and the ministry of the Gospel. In behalf of the Board,

CHARLES MASON, *Secretary.*

Which report was, on motion, accepted.

Mr. George M. Browne, from the Committee on Legislation for the Church, made the following report :

The Committee appointed at a previous Convention to procure certain legislation in behalf of the Church, respectfully report :

That, after unsuccessful attempts in two former Legislatures, the subject was again brought forward in the Legislature recently adjourned, and a law was enacted which meets, it is believed, and obviates, the difficulties had in view when the Committee was appointed.

A copy of that law is herewith submitted, being substantially the Act recommended by the Convention of 1856, as appears on the 54th page of the Journal of that year.

An Act concerning the Officers of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows : — Parishes and religious societies belonging to the body

of Christians known as the Protestant Episcopal Church, heretofore organized under the laws of this Commonwealth, or which may hereafter be so organized, need not choose a Standing Committee, but the Warden, or Wardens and Vestry, may exercise all the powers of a Standing Committee in accordance with the usage and discipline of said Church ; and, instead of a Moderator, the Rector or one of the Wardens, unless it may be otherwise provided by some by-law, may preside at their meetings with all the powers of a moderator ; and such societies need not choose a collector or assessors unless they shall assess or collect a tax on the polls, estates or pews, of the members thereof, and in any case may by by-law provide that the duties of the assessors shall be performed by the Wardens ; *provided, however,* that the officers upon whom may devolve the duties of standing committee or assessors, shall in all cases be chosen by ballot.

For the Committee,

GEORGE M. BROWNE.

Which report was, on motion, accepted.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to consider the expediency of procuring an Act of incorporation, or other provisions of law, for the Diocesan Board of Missions and Pastoral Aid Committee, enabling them to take and hold property ; and with power to obtain such an act if, in their opinion, the interests of the Church in this Diocese should require such a measure.

The Chair appointed the following gentlemen to form that Committee.

Francis Hilliard, Geo. M. Browne, Francis J. Parker, Benjamin F. Hallett, and Edward Blake.

Hon. Edward A. Newton, from the Committee to audit the Treasurer's account, reported, that they had examined the same, and found it correct.

The Rev. George Leeds, from the Committee on New Parishes, made the following report :

The Committee on New Parishes beg leave to report, that the Canon of 1852 having been repealed in the Convention of 1857, the Fourth Article of the Constitution contains the only provisions now in force concerning the admission of New Parishes, which is as follows :

“ New Parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention by a majority of votes, provided they have laid before the Convention written evidence, subscribed by the Wardens and Vestry, that they have been duly organized for the space of one year, and during that time have held regular public services, and accede to the Constitution and Canons of this Church.”

The Parish of Trinity Church, Haverhill ; the Parish of Grace Church, Newton ; the Parish of Trinity Church, Melrose ; and the Parish of St. John's Church, North Adams, have severally complied with the foregoing provisions, and submitted the required evidence, duly subscribed. The Committee therefore recommend that the said Parishes be severally admitted into union with this Convention.

Calvary Church, Danvers, has presented written evidence of its organization as a Parish, but not having been organized for the space of one year, cannot be admitted at the present Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. LEEDS, *Chairman.*

Which report was, on motion, accepted.

The Certificate of the election of Lay Delegates from Trinity Church, Melrose, was handed in to the Secretary, and Samuel Rice, James Knott, C. P. Gordon, Delegates from said Parish, appeared and took seats in the Convention.

The Rev. Geo. D. Wildes, from the Board of Missions to Seamen, made the following Annual Report of that body :

Report of the Board of Missions.

The Board of Missions to Seamen, established by the Convention of the Diocese, beg leave respectfully to report, as follows :

The Mission in charge of the Board is now in the thirteenth year of its existence. During that period, its Missionaries have been successively, the Rev. John P. Robinson, the Rev. Christian Wiltberger, and the Rev. John Irwin ; the latter being the present Missionary. The connection of the Rev. Mr. Robinson, with the Mission terminated by his resignation, Dec. 5, 1851 ; that of the Rev. Mr. Wiltberger, by his resignation in the spring of 1855 ; and that of the Rev. Mr. Irwin commenced at Easter, 1857. During the period intervening between the resignation of Mr. Wiltberger and the election of Mr. Irwin, the services at the Chapel were constantly sustained through the self denying labors of a respected layman, whose interest in the cause of Seamen has been well and thoroughly proved by the devotion of time and means in the furtherance of the object, from the establishment of the Mission to the present hour.

At an early period in the present Conventional year, the Board, with entire unanimity, made choice of the Rev. John Irwin, late the Rector of " St. John's," East Boston, as their Chaplain and Missionary. For the support of the Mission, pledges were obtained from Churches and individuals, which, if fully paid, the Board are happy to say, are nearly sufficient to meet all current expenses. The balance due the Treasurer, mentioned in the last report, having been brought to the attention of those Churches from whom pledges were at that time due, the Board were soon in a position to square the Treasurer's account, and to carry on their work free from the wrong impression as to their pecuniary resources and liabilities, which seemed to exist at the period of the last Convention. The Report of the Treasurer will show the amounts pledged for the past year, and the various items of expenditure incurred by the Board in the field of their operations.

The Board feel warranted in saying, that the choice of the present estimable Chaplain, has been fully justified by the

results attendant upon his labors. His report, which it is hoped may be called for by the Convention, presents an amount of service,—confirmed, as in great degree successful, by the personal observation of some members of the Board,—which, it is believed, has not been exceeded during the incumbency of any former Chaplain of the Mission. The Missionary has indeed met with occasional trials and discouragements; but he reports, that “he is thankful to say, all these have been more than balanced by an amount of spiritual good resulting from his labors, which now enables him to rejoice that he has not labored in vain.” During the year, the Chapel has been opened twice on every Sunday for Divine Service, and on every Thursday evening. The Missionary reports, that the Congregations have steadily increased; averaging, at the last quarterly statement, 30 persons, (chiefly sailors,) in the mornings, and 88 of the same class, in the evenings. At the Thursday evening services, which are informal, and chiefly for prayer and exhortation, a smaller number than at the Sunday morning services has been present. The Missionary, however, seeks from these, mainly, an opportunity of approaching seamen familiarly; and looks less for numbers than for an occasion of direct personal appeal to individuals on the subject of their salvation.

Three mornings in each week are devoted by the Missionary to interviews with seamen upon the same subject, at the Chapel. In all, 156 services have been held at the Chapel, and, the Board doubt not, all tending to a spiritual and blessed result, fully justifying the time and means bestowed.

The Missionary, from the commencement of his chaplaincy, has visited the Marine Hospital, in Chelsea, twice each week. On Tuesdays, it is his practice to visit the several wards for the purpose of conversation with the sick and dying. These visits, as the Board have occasion to know, have not been without their fruits. On Friday evenings, the Missionary has regularly held a Bible Class in the Hospital, comprising about 12 of the patients. In addition, he has succeeded in inducing the inmates of at least two of the wards to observe daily prayer, with the reading of the Word of God. These results, together with spe-

cial incidents connected with his visits to the Hospital, are fully stated in the Missionary's report.

The Board, in this connection, cannot forbear joining in the Missionary's testimony of gratitude to the courteous Superintendent of the Hospital, Dr. Davis. Every facility has been afforded Mr. Irwin for reaching effectively the minds and hearts of the seamen at the Hospital; and it is doubly gratifying to the Board to know, that a cheerful witness has been constantly borne by the Superintendent and his Assistants to the considerate, faithful, and self-sacrificing ministrations of their Missionary.

The Board will not now refer to one or two other items of duty constantly performed by their Missionary, which are stated at large in his report. They ought to add, that very efficient aid has been rendered in their operations, by the establishment of "The Episcopal Association for Clothing Destitute Seamen." But for the ready sympathy of this timely organization, which still ministers to the needs of seamen through the Missionary, much suffering on the part of those calling upon the Mission for aid could not have been relieved. The Board take this occasion heartily to thank those ladies with whom the organization of this charity commenced, and through whom so much of practical charity has been dispensed. The Missionary's Report presents, in full, the articles and sums received from this excellent Institution, and distributed by him for the purposes intended.

The Board refer the Convention to the accompanying report of the Missionary, of the number of Baptisms at the Chapel, the number confirmed, and other incidents connected with the duties of the year. It has been thought proper, too, that the Missionary should himself present the statement of Bibles, Prayer Books, Tracts, &c., distributed at the Chapel. These will be found accurate and in full in his report.

The conference held with the Standing Committee, by resolution of the last Convention, was entirely satisfactory to the Board. Every proper facility was courteously afforded by the Standing Committee for a statement of the peculiar difficulties under which the Mission had for some years labored; and it is hoped that the result of the conference may prove encouraging to its

future stability and success. One of the main points of difficulty, which the experience of the Board enables them to state very confidently, is the need of an explicit declaration on the part of the Convention, that the Mission now in charge of the Board is the same which was originally adopted by the Convention, and that it has not been continued under, or supplanted by, any other organization, in its work and purpose. An impression has for some years past existed in the community, that the Diocesan Mission is continued in another form; and it is this impression which very properly demands correction at the hands of the Convention. It must still continue to hamper the operations and resources of the Mission unless removed by resolution of the Convention, or otherwise. The Board, therefore, trust that some action in these premises may be taken by the Convention. The character of their present Missionary, the marked results of his labors, and the encouraging prospects of the Mission, as manifest in the increasing attendance, and the increased pledges in its support, afford ample inducements for sympathy and substantial aid from most, if not all, the Churches of the Diocese. The Board are quite confident that parishes and individuals in the Diocese only need to know more distinctly the fact, that the present mission is that established in 1845, and continued from year to year by the yearly action of the Convention, in the election of a Board of Missions for its care and support, to secure, for its peculiarly *Missionary* work, enlarged, cheerful and substantial aid. The Board have presented this point in a previous Convention. They do it renewedly, believing that little else is needed, save the blessing of God, to sustain an object, which from its peculiar nature, surely claims a large place in the affections and regard of all friends of the Redeemer's cause.

GEORGE D. WILDES, *for the Board*.

Which report was, on motion, accepted.

Certificate of election of Delegates from Trinity Church, Haverhill, was also handed in, and George Ames and E. F. Adams, Delegates from that Parish, appeared and took their seats.

The account of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions to Seamen, was presented. (See Appendix.)

The Rev. Geo. M. Randall, D. D., from the Standing Committee, made the following report :

The Standing Committee, to whom was referred the question of maintaining in future the organization of the Board of Missions to Seamen, have considered the subject, and present the following reports :

Since the last Convention, the Board of Missions to Seamen have evinced a renewed zeal in the prosecution of the work committed to them. They have employed an able and efficient missionary, and have secured nearly two thousand dollars for the support of the Mission.

The congregation of Seamen has been small, and the attendance of other persons has not been large. This lack is not to be attributed to the want of effort on the part of the devoted Missionary, who is a most faithful and laborious minister, but partly to the fact, that large provision is made for the spiritual wants of sailors in the city, and partly to the incipency of the renewed effort of the Board.

If the question referred to us had been as to the expediency of establishing a Mission to Seamen, and organizing a Board for that end, under present circumstances, and in view of the provisions already made, — the Committee would be prepared to give a decided opinion against such a measure.

But the fact that nearly two thousand dollars have been contributed to this object, is indicative of a degree of interest on the part of Churchmen in this Diocese, which we would deem it unwise, in this Convention, to check.

Although the expenditure appears to be very large for the number of persons benefited, yet, if there be members of the Church who deem such an expenditure of funds judicious, they should certainly have the opportunity of

thus expressing their zeal in the cause of missions to Seamen; and so long as these liberal brethren continue to supply the necessary funds, the least the Convention can do is to supply the needful organization.

GEORGE M. RANDALL, *Secretary.*

The Standing Committee, to whom the last Diocesan Convention referred the question as to "The best means of promoting the worship of the Episcopal Church among Seamen," report:

That they have considered the subject referred to them, and are of the opinion that missions to sailors should be conducted very much after the manner of missions to other people; and that the less the Church recognizes the distinction of caste or class, in the matter of preaching the Gospel, the more successful will she be in the work of converting the world.

For the Committee,

GEORGE M. RANDALL, *Secretary.*

Which reports were, on motion, accepted.

The Rev. George M. Randall, from the Standing Committee, made the following annual report of the doings of that body:

Report of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee, in accordance with the requirement of the Constitution, present the following report:

The Committee was duly organized on the ninth day of February, A. D. 1857, by the choice of the Rev. Alexander H. Vinton, D. D., President, and the Rev. George M. Randall, Secretary.

The Committee have held nineteen meetings. They have given their canonical consent to the election of the Rt. Rev. William Ingraham Kip, D. D., Bishop elect of California,—they have also signed the canonical testimonial in favor of the Rev. Alexander Hamilton Vinton, D. D., Bishop elect of Texas.

They have signed Canonical Testimonials in favor of the Rev. Winslow W. Sever, J. A. Penniman, and William S. Perry, Deacons, recommending them to be admitted to the Order of the Priesthood.

They have signed the Canonical Testimonial in favor of William S. Perry, Edward Cowley, Henry Marsh, and Wentworth S. Butler, applying to be admitted to the Order of Deacons.

They have signed the Canonical Testimonial recommending Phillips Brooks, John L. Graves, R. F. Putnam, Charles Wingate, and Abner P. Brush, applying to be admitted Candidates for Holy Orders.

George M. Dexter, Esq., having resigned his place as a member of this Committee, they have, in pursuance of the authority given them by a resolution passed at the last Convention, proceeded to fill the vacancy by the election of Charles Henry Parker, Esq.

They have, in accordance with the provisions of Canon IV. of 1832, acted as a Council of Advice to the Bishop, at his request, on one occasion.

They have approved the Bills of the following persons:—Rev. J. H. Clinch, Charles Stimpson, and William A. Hall.

For the Committee,

GEORGE M. RANDALL, *Secretary*.

The Rev. Alfred L. Baury presented the Annual Report of the Secretary of the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen:

Report of the Widows and Orphans Society.

The Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church present their annual report, as follows:

The funds of the Society, which amounted to about ten thousand dollars when the last annual report was presented, have now reached the sum of thirteen thousand two hundred and sixty dollars and thirty-three cents (\$13,260.33). Of this amount \$11,313.15 constitutes the fund for Contract Relief, and \$1,947.18

the fund for Gratuitous Relief. The former of these funds is increased by its annual income and all contributions for contract relief; the latter by its income, all payments for membership, all gifts, bequests and devises, and all offerings and collections made for its benefit and not otherwise appropriated; including the collection taken at the Offertory made at the meetings of this Convention—and from it the Society furnishes purely gratuitous relief as cases may arise; the amount of which we hope may be rapidly increased by the increase of the fund. The sums granted for gratuitous relief, as stated in the last report, have been paid, and an additional grant has recently been made to the widow of the late Rev. Titus Strong, D. D., a former Vice President of the Society.

Of the amount now constituting the Charity-fund, one thousand dollars was received from the estate of the late Mrs. Mary Jackson Smith, of Newburyport, and is another instance of the material assistance which this Society has always received from ladies. May others imitate their good example, and assist by their liberality what we believe to be so useful an object as that which this Society is endeavouring to accomplish. For the convenience of those who feel an interest in this charity, and who cannot conveniently contribute to its funds at present, we annex to this report the form of a bequest, which we hope may be made use of in their last Wills and Testaments.

The books and accounts of this Society have been thoroughly re-arranged and systematized, and in all respects its prospects are more encouraging than ever before.

We cannot close this report without noticing the loss which this Society has sustained by the death of the late Rev. Asa Eaton, D.D., its first Vice President, and who was for many years one of its most devoted friends and the most regular attendant at all its meetings.

His family will be entitled to receive from the fund for contract relief fifty dollars annually for twenty-four years. This is only the second case in which the Society has been made liable to pay anything for contract relief. In behalf of the Society,

JAMES C. MERRILL, *Secretary.*

Boston, May 5, 1858.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath — dollars (or — shares of Stock in —) to the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Or,

I give, devise and bequeath a certain piece of real estate, &c., as above.

LIST OF OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1858-59.

The Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D., *ex officio*, President.

The Rev. Alexander H. Vinton, D. D., 1st Vice President.

The Rev. George M. Randall, D. D., 2d “ “

The Rev. Alfred L. Baury, Treasurer, 2 Waverly place.

James C. Merrill, Esq., Secretary, 39 Court street.

The Rev. Joseph H. Clinch, the Rev. William S. Bartlet, the Rev. Nicholas Hoppin, Frederick H. Stimpson, Esq., Henry M. Parker, Esq., Trustees.

And also the Treasurer's annual Account of the same Society. (See Appendix.)

On motion,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the several Parishes of this Diocese to make a collection during the Lenten Season, in aid of the funds of the Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.

The Rev. Wm. R. Babcock, from the Executive Committee, made the following report:

The Executive Committee recommend Trinity Church, Boston, as the *place* for the next annual meeting of the Convention of this Diocese, and the first Wednesday in May, 1859, as the *time*; the Rev. Samuel Cutler, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Hanover, as the preacher of the Annual Sermon, and the Rev. Nicholas Hoppin, Rector of Christ Church, Cambridge, as the substitute.

W. R. BABCOCK, *Chairman*.

The Certificate of election of Delegates from Grace Church, Newton, was handed in, and the following gentle-

men, delegates from that Parish, appeared and took their seats :— James E. Butts, Jr., George Linder, E. P. Bancroft.

The time for the Order of the Day having arrived, the Convention proceeded to the election of a Standing Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That balloting be dispensed with, and that a Committee of three be appointed by the Chair to nominate a Standing Committee for the ensuing year.

The Chair appointed the Rev. John S. Stone, D. D., the Rev. Nicholas Hoppin, and William Raymond Lee, as that Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Diocesan Board of Missions and Pastoral Aid Committee be re-elected.

On motion,

Resolved, That all the Standing Committees elected by this Convention, be invested with power to fill vacancies.

On motion,

Resolved, That the vote by ballot being dispensed with, the former Board of Missions to Seamen be re-appointed.

The Rev. John S. Stone, D. D., from the Nominating Committee, reported that they have nominated the following gentlemen to form the Standing Committee for the ensuing year :

Clergy.

Laity.

Rev. Alex. H. Vinton, D. D., Messrs. Wm. Appleton,

“ Geo. M. Randall, D. D., “ Otis Daniell,

“ Charles Mason, “ Charles H. Parker.

On motion,

Resolved, That the above named gentlemen be elected as the Standing Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That in the election of a Board of Commissioners for Church Extension, balloting be dispensed with, and the former Board be re-elected.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to amend the form of Parochial Report, printed on page 100 of the Journal, by dividing the last column, headed "Other Contributions for Religious Purposes," into two columns; one to be headed "within the Parish," and the other, "without the Parish."

The Rev. Thomas R. Lambert, from the Finance Committee, made the following report:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report, that applications have been received from the Rectors of the following named Parishes, for appropriations out of the Contingent Fund to pay their travelling expenses: Vandeuenville, Great Barrington, Wood's Hole, Lanesboro', Ashfield, Otis, Clappville, Chicopee, Swansea and Pawtucket; and that the Committee have appropriated to the four first mentioned Parishes the sums of ten dollars each; to the Missionary at Otis, \$9; to the Minister at Ashfield, \$8; to the Minister at Chicopee, \$6; to the Minister at Clappville, \$5; to the Minister at Swansea and Pawtucket, \$3.50, respectively. For the Committee,

THOMAS R. LAMBERT.

Which report was, on motion, accepted.

The hour having arrived for the special assignment of the question on the alteration of Article III. of the Constitution, the question was discussed at considerable length by several of the Clerical and Lay Delegates. Pending the debate, a motion was made to adjourn, which motion prevailed, and the Convention adjourned, to meet at this place, at 4 o'clock.

Adjourned.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The minutes of the Morning Session were read and approved.

The discussion on the amendment of Article III. of the Constitution was resumed; and after much debate, the vote, upon the call of the Delegates from three Parishes, was taken by orders.

The Secretary having called the roll of the Clergy, the result was as follows :

Yeas — Rev. Messrs. Alfred L. Baur, W. Colvin Brown, Thos. B. Flower, J. S. Copley Greene, Alfred B. Goodrich, Isaac W. Hallam, Nicholas Hoppin, John Irwin, Wm. Stevens Perry, Geo. L. Platt, Emery M. Porter, Edward A. Renouf, William T. Smithett, W. H. N. Stewart, John S. Stone, D. D.—15.

Nays — Rev. Messrs. Samuel B. Babcock, Wm. R. Babcock, Gordon M. Bradley, William H. Brooks, John T. Burrill, Henry Burroughs, Jr., Moses B. Chase, Joseph H. Clinch, Wm. B. Colburn, Edward L. Drown, Samuel J. Evans, Thomas F. Fales, Cyrus F. Knight, Thomas R. Lambert, George Leeds, Charles Mason, Wm. H. Munroe, George M. Randall, D. D., John P. Robinson, S. Brenton Shaw, Edmund F. Slafter, Theodore W. Snow, George D. Wildes.—23.

The Parishes having been called over by the Secretary, the following was the result of the vote of the Delegates :

Yeas — Trinity Church, Boston, Christ Church, Boston, Grace Church, Boston, Church of Messiah, Boston, Church of Advent, Boston, St. Paul's Church, Brookline, St. Paul's Church, Dedham, Trinity Church, Haverhill.—8.

Nays — St. Paul's Church, Boston, St. Mark's Church, Boston, St. Matthew's Church, Boston, St. John's Church, East Boston, St. Luke's Church, Chelsea, Christ Church, Cambridge, St. John's Church, Charlestown, St. Mary's Church, Dorchester, St. James's Church, Roxbury, St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain, Christ Church, Andover, Grace Church, Lawrence, Church of Ascension, Fall River, Grace Church, New Bedford, Christ

Church, Swansea, St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough, St. John's Church, Northampton, Trinity Church, Melrose.—18.

So the question on amendment of Article III. of the Constitution was decided in the negative.

Mr. Eliakim Littell, having offered as an amendment to Article III. of the Constitution, to lie over for the action of the next Convention, — after the words “a stated worshipper of the Parish which he represents,” insert the words “and a Communicant of this Church,”

It was, on motion,

Resolved, That the proposed amendment be laid on the table.

On motion,

Resolved, That the vote by which the foregoing amendment was laid on the table, be reconsidered.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention adjourn, to meet in this Church, to-morrow morning, at 9 1-2 o'clock.

Adjourned.

Friday morning, 9 1-2 o'clock.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Bishop opened the Session with prayer; after which the minutes of yesterday afternoon's Session were read and approved.

The Rev. Dr. Randall offered the following, to be adopted as a Canon of the Church in this Diocese:

CANON I. 1858.

SECT. 1. A Registrar shall be elected by this Convention, whose duty it shall be to procure such papers, files, reports, journals, records, and other documents, relative to the history of the Church in this Diocese, as is now, or may hereafter become the property of this Convention, and preserve the same in some safe and accessible place of deposit; and to hold the same, under such regulations and restrictions as this Convention may, from time to time, provide.

SECT. 2. Said Registrar shall hold his office for one year, or until another be appointed in his place.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. George M. Randall, D. D., be appointed the Registrar of the Diocese, under the foregoing Canon.

The Rev. George M. Randall offered the following resolutions:

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in his wise Providence to remove by death our venerable and greatly honored associate and friend, the Rev. Asa Eaton, D. D., the oldest member of this Convention, in the 80th year of his age, and 54th of his ministry: therefore we, the surviving members, desire to express our sense of the great loss we have sustained by this event, and the respect and affection we entertain for his memory. His unsullied life, his distinguished meekness, humility and urbanity, and his devotion to the high duties of his calling, pre-eminently call upon us for thankfulness to God for so bright an example of the Christian life, and devoutly to implore, that in our varied stations and employments we may be inspired to follow him in his righteous course; therefore,

Resolved, That we record on the Journal of our proceedings the high estimate we entertain of our loss, and his great merits, in the trust and belief that the recollection of his virtues and the study of his character and conduct, to which this record may lead, will be eminently useful to future generations.

Resolved, That we tender to his bereaved family our kindest sympathy, and commend them to Almighty God to sustain and comfort them in their affliction, and that the Secretary be instructed to transmit to them a copy of these resolutions.

Which resolutions were, on motion, adopted.

The Rev. Charles Mason, from the Committee on revising the Rules and Orders of the Convention, reported that they had not yet been able to decide fully on the alterations they would propose, and requested that the Committee be continued. Which request was, on motion, agreed to, and the Committee continued.

The Rev. George M. Randall, D. D., presented the following resolutions:

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in his wise Providence to remove from the Church Militant, since the last meeting of this Convention, the Rev. John L. Blake, a Presbyterian, canonically connected with this Diocese, though for many years a resident of another Diocese:

Resolved, That in his removal from his labors on earth, we recognize a fresh admonition from the great Head of the Church to do what our hands find to do in extending the Kingdom of our Lord on earth, and that we sympathize with the afflicted family of our deceased brother, and hereby tender to them our Christian condolence in this season of their bereavement.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the pages of the Journal, and that a copy of the same be forwarded to the family of the deceased.

Which, on motion, were adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Convention be empowered to compromise the payment of assessments with delinquent Parishes, and also be authorized to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Convention.

The Rev. Thomas F. Fales, offered the following amendment to Article IX. of the Constitution:

Strike out the word "least" from the third line of the article, and add the words, "and accepted by the Convention for consideration," after the word "proposed."

On motion,

Resolved, That the proposed Canon, on pages 47 and 48 of Journal of last Convention, be referred to the Committee for revising Rules of Order.

The following resolutions were offered by Mr. Hilliard :

Whereas the Journals of this Convention for many years past show, that a large number of the Lay Delegates elected have not attended the sittings of the Convention :

Voted, That the Convention earnestly recommend to the several Parishes to have regard in the election of Delegates to the probability of their being able and willing actually to serve in that capacity, and so far as practicable, in connection with such election, to require their assurance that they will attend the Convention, unless prevented by some unforeseen and insuperable obstacle.

Voted, That this Convention urge upon all persons, who may be elected Delegates as aforesaid, the great importance and the serious obligation of discharging the duty which is thus imposed upon them.

On motion,

Resolved, That one thousand copies of the Journal be printed.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Treasurer and two Laymen be a Committee to attend to the publication of the Journal.

Messrs. David Clapp and William Raymond Lee were appointed the Committee.

The Convention having no more business before it, the members present then united in singing the Gloria in Excelsis ; and after prayer and benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned, *sine die*.

Attest,

JOSEPH H. CLINCH, *Secretary*.

WILLIAM H. BROOKS, *Assistant Secretary*.

APPENDIX.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Suffolk County.

Trinity Church, Boston.

THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, Rector.

THE REV. JOHN COTTON SMITH, Assistant Minister on the
Greene Foundation.

Baptisms, (adults 7, infants 34,) 41. Marriages, 22. Burials, 13. Confirmed, 42. Communicants, 370. Sunday Scholars, 130. Teachers, 17. Bible Class of Young Men, 12. Young Ladies' Bible Class, 20.

The contributions are as follows:—Communion Offerings, \$1089.82; Diocesan Missions, \$677.47; Foreign Missions, \$523.48; Domestic Missions, \$204; City Missions, \$340; For Church Building, and Parsonages, \$1147.26; Theological Education, \$425; Collected at the Price Lectures, \$234.03; For the Bible Society, \$243.37; American Sunday School Union, \$193.80; Protestant Episcopal Society for the promotion of Evangelical Knowledge, \$461.25; Board of Missions for Seamen, \$289.16; Young Men's Christian Association, \$100; Episcopal Association for Clothing Destitute Seamen, \$140.50; For the

Sunday School of Trinity Church, \$163; Trinity Church Charitable Society for Clothing the Poor, \$176; Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Clergymen, \$78; Home for Orphan and Destitute Children, \$623; From the Sunday School for Griswold Press, \$31.66; Other contributions for religious and benevolent objects, \$243.20. In addition to the above-mentioned gift of the Sunday Scholars towards the Griswold Press, they have given \$75, included in the amount stated as contributed to Foreign Missions, to the Cape Palmas Orphan School; and also \$85.09, comprehended in the above enumeration, to the African Mission. The total amount of contributions here recorded is \$7884.

Christ Church, Boston.

THE REV. WILLIAM T. SMITHETT, Rector.

Baptisms, 50. Marriages, 39. Burials, 36. Confirmed, 18. Communicants: added, 32; died or removed, 28; present number, 102. Sunday Scholars, 78. Teachers, 11. Librarian and Superintendent. Bible Class, 18. Contributions: Foreign Missions, \$15; from Sunday School for Domestic Missions, \$10; Diocesan Missions, for Eastern District Association, \$62; American Bible Society, \$10; American Sunday School Union, \$5; Widows and Orphans Society, \$10; "Griswold Press" for Oregon, (Sunday School,) \$5; Other benevolent objects, about \$100; For Sunday School and Parochial objects, including \$100 from Young Ladies' Society, \$225; Offertory, &c., \$116.

St. Matthew's Church, South Boston.

THE REV. JOSEPH H. CLINCH, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 76, adults 5,) 81. Communicants: added, 28; died or removed, 12; present number, 88. Confirmed, 17. Marriages, 21. Burials, 50. Sunday School scholars, 150. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$21; Massachusetts Board, \$30; Other Contributions for religious purposes, \$273.84.

The Rector is happy in being able to report very favorably of the present condition of this Parish. It is believed that at no

previous period of its history, has it been in so healthy and vigorous a state. The Sunday School, during the past year, has made very encouraging progress; and under a most zealous and efficient Superintendent, and with a band of twenty-one devoted teachers, it promises to be, in an increased degree, instrumental for good.

A vigorous movement, originating chiefly with the young men of the Parish, has recently been made toward the erection of a new church, in which most necessary work, it is earnestly hoped that they may succeed. A liberal increase has also been made to the Rector's salary, and a spirit of harmony and zeal in well-doing pervades the whole body.

Of the sum of \$273.84, reported above under the head "Contributions for Religious Purposes," \$16.25 were given to the American Bible Society; \$5.00 to St. Luke's Church, Dixon, Ill.; \$5.00 to the American Sunday School Union; and \$20.00 to the Society for the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen.

St. Paul's Church, Boston.

THE REV. A. H. VINTON, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 84, adults 10,) 44. Confirmed, 46. Marriages, 8. Burials, 18. Communicants: added, 50; died or removed, 17; present number, 353. Sunday School: Teachers, 30. Pupils, 140. Bible Class for men, 26. Bible Class for women, 60. Contributions: Diocesan Missions, \$1000; Foreign Missions, \$2641; Domestic Missions, \$700; City Mission, \$750; Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, \$100; Aged and Indigent Clergymen, \$100; Young Men's Christian Association, \$1000; American Sunday School Union, \$254; American Bible Society, \$645; Offertory, \$1224; Church building, \$500. Total, \$8874.

Grace Church, Boston.

THE REV. CHARLES MASON, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 34, adults 2,) 36. Communicants: added, 39; died or removed, 37; present number, about 200. Confirmed,

21. Marriages, 14. Burials, 17. Sunday School: Teachers, 23; Scholars, 125. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$200.66; Diocesan Board, \$125.21; Missions to Seamen, \$141.75; Church in Kansas, for a parsonage, \$35; "Griswold Press" for Oregon, from the Sunday School, \$25; American Bible Society, \$135.68; Communion offerings, \$368.35; Church Home for Orphan and Destitute Children, \$563.

The last mentioned sum includes only donations made to the "Home" during the year 1857. Collections have been made for purposes strictly parochial, and others by individuals for charitable objects, of the amount of which I have no certain information.

I have to record the loss, by death, and by removal, especially into the country, of an unusual number of most valued parishioners.

Church of the Messiah, Boston.

THE REV. GEORGE M. RANDALL, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 39, adults 5,) 44. Confirmed, 49. Communicants: added, 107; died or removed, 51; present number, 317. Marriages, 21. Burials, 40. Sunday School: Scholars, 202; Teachers, 26; with Superintendent, Librarian, and Assistant Treasurer; total, 231. Contributions: Communion alms, \$508.85; Other contributions for the poor, \$54; Ladies' Circle for the poor, \$71.72; Sunday School collections, \$191.17; of which \$40 were for the education of two children in Africa; \$40 for a church in Illinois; and \$20 for a church in Maine; Weekly offerings, \$626.72; of which \$120.12 were for Diocesan Missions; Widows and Orphans Society, \$70; "Church Home," \$100; "Visitor of the Poor," \$43.27; total, \$1452.46.

The congregation is steadily increasing. Of those confirmed, twenty were connected with the Sunday School. A young men's Parochial Association has been organized, numbering upwards of fifty members, for the purpose of furthering religious sociality, and parochial efficiency, in the work of building up the

church. A choir of boys has been formed and trained to promote congregational singing, and in furtherance of this plan, a new organ has been purchased, to be placed near the chancel.

St. John's Church, East Boston.

THE REV. SAMUEL J. EVANS, Rector.

The present Rector took charge of this Parish on the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, September 6, A. D., 1857. It gives him pleasure to state that it is in a prosperous condition. A more than usual interest prevails among the parishioners in regard to its welfare, evinced by a larger and more regular attendance upon divine services, both on Sundays and during the season of Lent. And in various other ways encouragement is manifested. It has otherwise, also, somewhat increased in strength. By subscription, and through the exertions of the Ladies' Sewing Circle, nearly \$300 of former debt have been paid. The Communion alms have amounted to \$65.72; from which the poor have been relieved during the past winter. A balance due, amounting to \$12.37, has been paid to the Eastern District Church Missionary Association. Contributions: For Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, \$9.25; Sunday School Library, \$14.00. Sunday School: Teachers, 17; Scholars, 116.

Since the resignation of the Rev. John Irwin, 4 baptisms and 1 funeral have been performed by officiating Clergymen; and since September last, there have been: Baptisms, 14. Marriages, 1. Burials, 7.

In closing this report, the Rector gratefully recognises the assistance kindly bestowed by his brethren in the ministry during the Advent services, praying the Great Head of the Church to bless our mutual labors to the fruitfulness of His vineyard.

Church of the Advent, Boston.

THE RIGHT REV. HORATIO SOUTHGATE, D. D., Rector.

THE REV. M. P. STICKNEY, Assistant to the Rector.

Baptisms, (children 56, adults 15,) 71. Marriages, 16. Burials, 45. Communicants: added, 64; died or removed, 20;

present number, 458. Confirmed, 40. But one Confirmation has fallen within the sixteen months embraced in this report. Offerings: On Sundays, \$7855.81; on Holy Days, \$1932.11; through the Alms Chest, \$774.43; by the Guild, \$1157.30; by the Sunday School, \$40.70; total, \$11760.35. Of this amount, \$2631.86 have been devoted to charities. It may be also added that, during the year 1857, the fund for building a new church was largely increased, it having received additional subscriptions to the amount of \$32000; making it, with the property already in hand, about \$60000. There seems to be no good reason why the building of a church should not commence within a year. The whole sum, thus far, has been made up by free-will offerings, additional to those which have provided for the current expenses of the parish.

Schools — Sunday School: Teachers, 18; Scholars, 112. The want of proper accommodations prevents such an enlargement of the Sunday School as is otherwise practicable and desirable. Parish School: Teachers, 1; Scholars, (boys 20, girls 15,) 35. Sewing School: Teachers, 7; Scholars, 55. The Sewing School meets on Wednesday afternoons. During the past winter, 100 articles of clothing have been made by the scholars, who are of various denominations, and partly Roman Catholics.

The Parish Guild, which numbers 90 members, men and women, has had under its charge, during the year, the Guild House, the Parish House, the Parish School and the Sewing School. The Guild House is devoted to parochial uses, having rooms for the Clergy, the Sexton, the Parish School and the Guild Library. The Library contains 177 volumes, exclusively Church books, selected with reference to the wants of lay-people. The sewing for the poor and the work of distribution are also done in the Guild House. The Parish House is for the benefit of poor people, who can pay little or no rent. 36 persons have resided in it during the year. It has been so managed that it has paid its own expenses. More than 4000 visits to the poor have been made by members of the Guild. Of these visits, nearly one-fourth have been gratuitous visits to the sick poor, by medical brothers belonging to the Guild. 1185 garments, 400

of which have been made by the women of the Guild, have been distributed ; besides medicines, books, articles of food, rents, &c., in large quantities.

The Parish has never been without one or more Candidates for Orders, during the last five years. At present, five young men from this parish are preparing for the sacred ministry.

The services in the church, exclusive of marriages, baptisms, and burials, have been as follows : Morning Prayer, 485 times ; Evening Prayer, 485 times ; extra Services, 30 ; Sermons and Lectures, 197 ; Holy Communion, 66 times ; Catechizings, (including the Parish School,) 405 times ; making, with such marriages, baptisms and burials as have occurred in church, a total of 1774 services.

The Parish has suffered a loss, in some respects irreparable, by the decease of the venerable Senior Assistant, the Rev. Asa Eaton, D. D., who departed this life the 24th of March, 1858, at the ripe age of 79 years and 8 months. His invariable presence at the daily Service, his devout and serene demeanor, his steady, yet quiet maintenance of the distinctive doctrines and principles of the Church, his wise and experienced counsel, his pure, unblemished life, are gone forever from the sacred place which knew him so intimately and so long. But the influence of his holy example remains, and may it ever abide, a goodly heritage to those who mourn his departure.

St. Mark's Church, Boston.

THE REV. C. F. KNIGHT, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 26, adults 7,) 33. Communicants : added, 77 ; died or removed, 6 ; present number, 112. Confirmed, 26 ; one being from St. James's, Roxbury. Marriages, 2. Burials, 12. Given at the Offertory, for parochial and missionary purposes, \$856.90 ; Alms Chest, \$34.86.

The present chapel is now insufficient for the wants of the congregation ; the sittings being filled. And there is reason to hope that a larger and more fitting parish church will soon be built. The Rector acknowledges with gratitude much help

received, during the year, from the late pastor of the parish, the Rev. Alfred L. Baury; to whom the congregation has, in time past, been greatly indebted.

St. Stephen's Free Chapel, Boston.

THE REV. E. M. P. WELLS, D. D., Missionary.

THE REV. E. A. RENOUF, Assistant.

Since my last Parochial Report, sixteen months since, our returns are as follows: Baptisms, (infant,) 105. Confirmed, 43. Communicants, 350; always fluctuating. The largest number present at any celebration, 80. Marriages, 52. Burials, 51. Sunday School: Teachers, 17; Scholars, 85. Amount given by the worshippers at the chapel, for missionary and other religious purposes, \$1150.

The daily Morning and Evening Service is regularly performed. The fire upon our altar of prayer and praise has not ceased to burn, since the day of its consecration — eleven and a half years. Since the last Convention, we have had 1165 services in the church, and 310 sermons. We have two and three services a day, and from four to seven sermons per week. The Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday in each month, and on all other days, for which a proper preface is appointed, and, at all times, to the sick. Baptisms are administered on any day, at Morning or Evening Prayer. The children are catechized before the congregation on one Sunday in each month, or oftener — for the time now reported of, 17 times.

There has been received at St. Stephen's House, for the relief of the suffering, since the last Convention, over \$5700. This has been given on about 11000 occasions, chiefly to those not members of our Church, in food, rent, clothing, fuel, and for sickness and work; some of the items of which are as follows: 36435 meals; 1867 loaves of bread; 1825 parcels of tea and sugar; 3328 lodgings; 2050 pairs shoes and stockings, and other articles of clothing, besides several hundred articles of second-hand clothing, not purchased; 305 large comforters, and other articles of bedding; 320 parcels of fuel; 506 weeks' rent;

179 bags — small — of flour and meal; 789 days' work, paid for to poor people and done for poor people; 779 articles made by the poor and for the poor; and 118 weeks' nursing, paid for, to the poor.

Free Church of St. Mary for Sailors,

Richmond Street, Boston.

THE REV. JOHN P. ROBINSON, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 20, adults, sailors, 2,) 22. Confirmed, (7 seamen, and the wife of a sailor,) 8. Communicants: added, 10; died or removed, 8; present number, 87. Burials, (sailors, 20,) 30. Marriages, 12. Sunday School: Scholars, 40; Teachers, 8. Contributions for the Church, &c., \$1650. Expenses, &c., \$300.

The number of Bibles, in all languages, given to seamen going to sea, 940; Testaments, 1250; Prayer Books, 750; books of a religious character, 850; tracts, pamphlets, and religious papers without count.

Clothing to shipwrecked and destitute seamen and other needy people, consisting of shirts, drawers, pants, coats, &c., 570 garments; 8 dozen pairs woolen socks; 15 pairs boots, and 23 pairs shoes. In no period of my missionary labor have there been such tokens of God's gracious blessing upon my humble efforts to do good to a class of my fellow men who have so long been neglected by the Church. There is one feature of my mission which gathers interest and influence with increasing years; it is the cosmopolitan character of the congregation. There are, at this hour, upon the ocean more sailors who have attended upon my ministrations, than ever before. And while my congregation continues, in point of numbers, much as it has been for the last few years, yet my parishioners have been multiplying in every quarter of the globe, and upon almost every sea. How great the comfort, how cheering to the heart of the laborer in the Lord's vineyard, that those to whom he has preached the gospel, and for whom he has earnestly prayed, are scattered all over God's footstool, to reflect upon their fellow men, directly or indirectly, the benefits which they have derived from the ministrations of Christ's servants. During the past year, by the

liberality of the friends of our cause, a sum was raised sufficient to secure for St. Mary's parish the fee simple of the church in which we have worshipped ever since our organization. The interest on the mortgage yet remaining has been met by the rents derived from leases of rooms in the basement, and other resources. The past year has been one of great pecuniary embarrassment, and, with others, we have felt a measure of this financial pressure. Yet, by God's blessing, we have been enabled, by the practice of strict economy and some degree of self-denial, to go through the year without debt. In order to meet necessary expenses, I have been obliged to engage several hours daily for about two months of the past season in secular employment, not incompatible with my profession.

My labors, as heretofore, have by no means been confined to the services of St. Mary's. The poor sick sailors, far away from friends and home, have a claim upon the time and attention of the minister of the Gospel, which I trust I shall never cease to recognize and respond to. My visits have been continued, as in former years, to the Hospital. To no part of my work among seamen can I refer with more pleasure than that which it has been my privilege to perform at the Marine Hospital. When I commenced my visits, in February, 1845, no clergyman visited there statedly; and, for a long series of years, I was the only one found going—weekly, at least,—through the wards among the sick and dying. With few exceptions, I have buried all the seamen who have died at the Hospital, for thirteen years. While my services at this institution have been wholly gratuitous, through God's blessing they have not been in vain. Many cheering instances come to my remembrance of ministrations *there*, blest by Him “from whom all good things do come,” which brought a reward more precious than gold or silver. The noble structure erected last year on land adjoining the Naval Hospital is now occupied; and our sick seamen in their comfortable wards are enjoying advantages which could not be secured to them in the old building. May God continue to give his blessing to this institution, so that our seamen, while tarrying to be cured of their bodily infirmities, may find that spiritual renovation which alone can fit them for the haven of rest above.

The books given to seamen are thankfully received, and I have reason to believe, have been greatly blessed of God. I have received, from time to time, most gratifying testimony to this effect. Public quarterly missionary meetings have been held at St. Mary's Church, which, we are persuaded, have done much good; and from which, with God's blessing, we look for still greater results. The Sunday School is opened morning and afternoon, and is increasing in numbers and usefulness. The Sewing Society promises to do a good work for the time to come.

St. Mary's stands upon its own merits. It leans only upon the arm of the great Redeemer, and trusts only to its own fruits for the commendation which will secure that support which it needs from the hands of those who love the Lord Jesus Christ. It has no agencies; no powerful patrons to plead its cause. The Rector has consecrated his life to the work. He has had many trials, and his labors have been neither few nor light. Of these he has no complaint to make. He thanks God that he has been enabled cheerfully to do what his hands found to do. He desires to pursue this work to the end of his pilgrimage. What he asks of his brethren is the means of doing this efficiently. To our sisters in the Church he confidently appeals. He needs your sympathies, and the fruits of your labors, in carrying on a work for a class of men, who, while they are exposed to great dangers and great temptations, are, by their vocation, shut out in a great measure from the blessings of home, and the hallowed influences of the family, the Church, and the society of the pure in heart.

The statistics of this report are made up from the previous Convention to the present.

Diocesan Mission to Seamen.

CHAPEL, 293 COMMERCIAL STREET, BOSTON.

Having previously officiated in the Chapel of the mission since the death of the late Missionary, Rev. C. Wiltberger, on Sunday evenings, and thus having become much interested in preaching the Gospel to Seamen, I was induced about a year ago to resign my parish, in East Boston, and undertake the duties of the mission which is under the charge of the Diocesan Board of Missions to Seamen.

Since this period, I have met with some discouragements and encountered many difficulties in the discharge of the duties of my office; but I am thankful to say, that all these have been more than balanced by an amount of spiritual good resulting from my labors, as I humbly trust, which now enables me to rejoice that I have not labored in vain. During the year our Chapel has been opened for Divine Service twice on each Sunday, and on every Thursday evening. Our congregations on the two former occasions have steadily increased; so that in my last quarterly report to the Board I was enabled to report an average attendance of thirty persons (chiefly sailors) in the mornings, and eighty-eight in the evenings. Our services on Thursday evenings are of a very familiar character, and intended to give the Missionary an opportunity for more familiar Christian intercourse with those sailors and others who may be induced to attend. The numbers in attendance are small, not amounting to much more than thirteen (on an average) on each occasion; but the Missionary has very frequently found these meetings most profitable to himself, and, as he cannot help believing, to most of those assembled. Sailors have again and again been ready to testify what the Lord has done for their souls, whilst Lay-brethren have joined in offering up prayer to God on behalf of the Mission, its Missionary, and the congregation then present. Three mornings in each week are devoted to interviews with Seamen who may desire to meet the Missionary in the Chapel, and these occasions also have sometimes been found productive of spiritual blessings. The last day only can reveal what amount of benefit may have resulted from these one hundred and fifty-six services to a congregation, the majority of whom were rarely the same persons, and some of whom, by their own confession, had been previously living a life of carelessness and sin.

Almost immediately on my assuming the charge of the Mission, I commenced attending the Marine Hospital in Chelsea, twice in each week. These bi-weekly visits I still continue. On Tuesday, I visit the patients in their several wards, and find it an easy task, for the greater part, to point the sick or dying sailor to Christ. Some encouraging cases of individuals

previously careless and indifferent, but who before their departure from the world were, I trust, brought by God's grace to rest confidently upon the Friend of sinners, have come to my knowledge within the year ; among the rest, two men, brought up as Romanists, died, trusting only in the finished work of their Redeemer. Another, a young man who had been previously anointed for death by his Priest, subsequently requested me to pray and converse with him, and in one of his conversations stated, that having some years before read the parable of the Publican and Pharisee, he had never been able to get it out of his mind, but frequently in the silent watches of the night would find himself reflecting upon it. Of his case I cannot speak with much confidence ; but it has, at least, led me to see the great value of circulating the Scriptures among that class of men to which he belonged. On Friday evenings, I hold a Bible Class for such sailors resident in the Hospital as may be willing and able to attend. My average number during the year has been about twelve persons, but they have been generally the most serious-minded inmates of the Institution ; with some of whom, moreover, I have been enabled occasionally to hold delightful Christian intercourse. In fact, this Class has been a source of much gratification to me, and I cannot forbear here recording my thanks to the courteous Superintendent of the Hospital, (Dr. Davis,) who has furnished me with every facility for holding it. On the whole, the Chelsea Hospital has been with me a favorite field of labor, and I am glad to be able to add that I have lately prevailed on the inmates of two wards to have daily prayers, with the reading of God's word ; in which sacred exercises most, if not all, of the inmates of these Wards devoutly join.

I have come to the conclusion, however, from what I have observed of the habits and modes of thought prevalent among Seamen, that they need *in addition* much to be done towards their *social* elevation as a class ; and, to this end, for their mental training. But on this point it is not expedient for me here to enlarge.

Among the other appliances of the Mission, I procured a boat, towards the conclusion of last Summer, for the purpose of visit-

ing occasionally such ships at anchor in our harbor, as had either arrived in port or were about to put to sea. Before the winter set in I had not many opportunities for such visits, but such as I had were eminently satisfactory. Since the opening of the present season I have paid a few visits to the vessels in the harbor, and have been invariably received with courtesy. I leave tracts and occasionally a New Testament on board, and on the whole have found this an advantageous field for Missionary labor. As a proof, I may mention that on the 14th of April I visited twelve vessels, and was told by some sailors with whom I conversed that they had not been to a place of worship for years, and by others that for years *no one had asked them*. I hope to be able once at least, weekly, during the Summer, to make these visits, and look to this source as well as to the wharves and the boarding houses, which I also visit occasionally, for an increase to our congregation at the Chapel.

With respect to the statistics of our operations, I find that I have had only three marriages and four burials, other Missionaries better known than myself being generally called upon to perform these services. On my taking charge of the Chapel, I found that the Communicants who were accustomed to attend during the period of the late lamented Chaplain's connexion with the Mission, had joined other congregations. We have however, gradually drawn together a little band, and on a late occasion, for the first time, I celebrated the Lord's Supper with them. The present number of our Communicants is ten. On Sunday evening, May 2d, four persons were confirmed. I have baptized in the Chapel during the past year seven persons; all young, and the majority infants. Our Sunday School numbers at present only eighteen, with three teachers. No collections for Missionary or other purposes have been made at the Chapel.

Through the kindness and zeal of the EPISCOPAL ASSOCIATION FOR CLOTHING DESTITUTE SEAMEN, I have been enabled to administer more than an ordinary amount of relief, principally in the way of clothing, to this class of persons, during the past winter, when so much of benevolent effort was needed on their behalf. I find that 376 articles of clothing have been distribu-

ted by me, including new flannel shirts and drawers, shoes, stockings, peajackets, and partially worn clothing of various kinds, placed at my disposal by some benevolent individuals. I have also given a few donations in money, but these rarely, and generally for the purpose of paying board or for travelling expenses. The sums thus given have amounted to over 50 dollars.

During the year, there have been distributed 152 Prayer Books, besides 749 copies of the sacred Scriptures. The latter have been in 11 different languages, as follows : English Bibles 426, Testaments 287; Spanish Bibles 19, Testaments 2; French Bibles 18; German Bibles 4; Portuguese Bibles 9, Testaments 14; Danish Bibles 8, Testaments 1; Swedish Bibles 2, Testaments 3; Dutch Bibles 1; Italian Bibles 1, Testaments 1; Welch Testaments 1; Irish Testaments 2. I have also given away many hundreds of tracts and religious papers to Seamen leaving the port, of which it was almost impossible to take account. Some religious and miscellaneous books have been also distributed by me among seamen, during the year; but the latter volumes having been given in many cases by way of a loan, I did not deem it necessary to take a numerical account of them, as they may possibly be returned. Our Lending Library has been substantially increased during the year by grants from the American Sunday School Union and the Evangelical Knowledge Society, for which my thanks are justly due to the Rev. Dr. Dyer of New York, and the Rev. Mr. Snow of this Diocese. I am also much indebted to Rev. Dr. Wells of this city, who, on behalf of the "Margaret Coffin" Society, has more than once made me a liberal grant of Prayer Books. Above all, I hold myself and the Mission indebted to the "Massachusetts Bible Society," who have furnished copies of the word of God to me with an unsparing hand.

JOHN IRWIN, *Missionary.*

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :

I have respectfully to report, that since the last Diocesan Convention my duties as Chaplain of the City Institutions at South Boston have been regularly performed; I have officiated once

on each Sunday at the Lunatic Hospital, and twice on the same day at the House of Correction. The average number in attendance at the latter institution is about five hundred; and in the Lunatic Hospital only a portion of the inmates are in a condition to attend divine service; not more than one-third of the whole number, which is about two hundred. To all these the Chaplain sustains the actual relation of pastor. In his private intercourse with them he labors to impress on the heart and conscience the importance of a virtuous life and a reverence for the sacred principles of the Gospel. When sick he visits them, and when they die he performs their burial service.

Since the last Convention I have baptized six infants, and attended eight funerals. The daily Evening Service has also been attended as usual.

In addition to these labors, I have devoted particular attention to the purchase and distribution of books, of which we have now about five hundred volumes, besides furnishing each prisoner with a Bible and Prayer Book. Prayer Books and Bibles are also furnished for such as can use them in the Lunatic Hospital.

The above details comprehend the principal means on which we depend for the moral benefit and reformation of the guilty and unfortunate inmates of these institutions. And we indulge the hope that some will go forth prepared to lead new lives, walking henceforth in the holy commands of God.

J. T. BURRILL,

Chaplain of the City Institutions, South Boston.

St. Luke's Church, Chelsea.

THE REV. WILLIAM S. BARTLET, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 7, adults 1,) 8. Communicants: added, 14; died or removed, 15; present number, 61. Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 5. Burials, 7. Sunday School scholars, 65. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$11.11; Massachusetts Board, by Sunday School, for Eastern District Missionary Association, \$17.26; Other Contributions for Religious Purposes: for a local Benevolent Society, \$21.68; by Sunday School, for

instruction books, &c., for themselves, \$5.62; amount of Communion Alms, \$51.98. Total, \$79.28.

A third service has been held in the church every Sunday evening, from Christmas to May, which has been more fully attended than in former years.

The Rector has met a Bible Class every fortnight. On alternate weeks we have had social religious meetings at private houses. The number of those who have attended these meetings has been large, and the interest taken in them has appeared to be unabated.

Our Sunday School is more flourishing than at any former period.

St. Andrew's Church, Chelsea.

Baptisms, 3. Marriages, 3. Communicants, 34. Died, 2. Sunday School: Teachers, 9; Scholars 34. Sunday School Library, 200 volumes. Sunday Morning offerings from October 28, 1857, to Easter 1858, \$339.50. Two donations for the new organ, \$80. Number of families connected with the parish, 40.

This new parish in the flourishing city of Chelsea was organized as a Free Church, Oct. 28, 1857. The first service was held by the Rev. John Cotton Smith, Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, Boston, on the 28d Sunday after Trinity. Since that time, Divine Service has been regularly held every Sunday with very encouraging promise of success. The services are at present held in a new and very convenient Hall; but the Parish hope soon to be able to erect a Church edifice adapted to the wants of the congregation, and the importance of Chelsea, as a large and growing suburb of Boston. Many families are, from a variety of circumstances, still worshipping with other and non-Episcopal Congregations in Chelsea, who will doubtless reconnect themselves with this Parish, so soon as a permanent character is given to it by the erection of a church, and the acceptance of the Rectorship. The minister now in charge, is enabled to say from his own observation, that the very happy union of intelligent zeal and active effort, which have thus far marked the undertaking, furnish abundant reason for the belief

that success must await the endeavor for a Free Church in this portion of the Lord's vineyard.

It may be proper to add, that to the present date the services of this parish have been sustained by the following Clergymen: The Rev. John Cotton Smith, the Rev. F. A. Foxcroft, the Rev. A. L. Baury, the Right Rev. Horatio Southgate, D. D., the Rev. C. F. Knight, the Rev. B. F. De Costa, the Rev. George D. Wildes.

Essex County.

St. Peter's Church, Salem.

THE REV. GEORGE LEEDS, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 32, adults 8,) 40. Confirmed, 14. Communicants: added, 20; died or removed, 20; present number, 240. Marriages, 9. Burials, 21. Sunday School: Teachers, including Librarian, 20; Scholars, about 140. Contributions: General Missions, Domestic, \$175.33; Foreign, \$175.32; Diocesan Board of Missions, \$232.08; Board of Missions to Seamen, \$50; Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, \$75.50; American Bible Society, \$51.50; Church building Fund, \$130; Holy Communion alms, and collections for the poor, \$495.23; Other charitable and pious objects, \$382.60. Total, \$1767.56.

Of the sums contributed to Domestic and Foreign Missions, eighty dollars should be credited to the children of the Sunday School.

During the summer and autumn of 1857, the Rector officiated repeatedly at Danvers, initiating an effort which has resulted in the establishment of a new and promising mission, now under the charge of the Diocesan Board. A few zealous laymen residing in the place, foremost among whom is Mr. Joseph Adams, a communicant in St. Peter's, Salem, have recently organized themselves into a parish, under the name of Calvary Church. The Rev. Edward A. Cowley has been serving them with acceptance during the past few months. The Rev. Robert F. Chase has accepted the appointment of a missionary at the station, and will shortly enter on his duties. May this pious

undertaking be crowned with the blessing of the great Head of the Church.

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

THE REV. J. B. RICHMOND, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 13, adults 2,) 15. Communicants, 61. Marriages, 8. Burials, 27. Confirmed, 9. Sunday School: Teachers, 8; Scholars, 60. Missionary and other Contributions: Seamen's Mission, \$21.49; Missionary at Haverhill, \$12.50; Contingent Fund, \$5.00; from Sunday School, for Bishop Griswold Press, Oregon, \$10; from Bishop Lee Class in Sunday School, for Missions in Iowa, \$3.00; Foreign Missions, \$37.53; American Bible Society, \$42.63; American Sunday School Union, \$5.25; Domestic Missions, \$50.00; Home Missions, \$30.65; Seamen's Mission, \$4.00; Diocesan Mission, \$5.25; Rev. Mr. Stokes, of Monrovia, \$5.82. Total, \$227.37.

The same interest has been manifested as last year, in the attendance upon the Third Service, for the first and second Sunday evenings of each month, and the Lental Services were better attended than ever before.

There has been, for the last two months, a considerable increase in religious interest, and a Third Sunday Service for prayer and exhortation has been received with such favor as to require the use of the church for the accommodation of those who desired to attend. The lay element has entered largely into these services.

At Easter I resigned the charge of the Parish, and accepted a call to St. Luke's Church, Brockport, Western New York; but so strong was the feeling of the good people of St. Michael's in view of a separation, and so hearty their desire for my continuance with them, that, after mature and solemn consideration, I deemed it to be my duty to ask the parish of Brockport to permit me to withdraw my acceptance, and to continue the relation which has so long and so happily existed between the Parish and myself.

The Sewing Circles are fulfilling their separate missions with earnestness and zeal. May our watchword ever be, "Upward" and "Onward."

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

THE REV. WILLIAM HORTON, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 26, adults 8,) 34. Confirmed, 12. Communicants, 130. Sunday School: Superintendent, 1; Teachers, 15; Scholars, 100. Bible Class, 55. Marriages, 8. Funerals, 24. Contributions: Communion Offerings, \$133.88; Charity, \$192.83; Theological Education, \$115; Missionary Contributions, \$111.12; "Griswold Press," Oregon, \$23.25; Sunday School Offerings, Africa, \$20; Sunday School Offerings, Iowa, \$10; American Sunday School Union, \$5.00; for Seamen's Chaplains, \$35.00; building church, Lewiston, Maine, \$35.00; American Bible Society, \$100. Total, \$781.08.

This parish has largely shared in the influences of the Holy Spirit, with which so many Churches have been lately visited, "building up true believers in their most holy faith," and "turning sinners from the error of their ways to the wisdom of the just." It is just to add, that the Sunday School has not for a long time been in so flourishing a condition as at present. This is greatly owing to the indefatigable exertions of its most excellent Superintendent, David Wood, Esq.

St. James's Church, Amesbury.

THE REV. ROBERT F. CHASE, late Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 21, adults 5,) 26. Communicants: added, 5; died or removed, 5; present number, 50. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 2. Burials, 8. Sunday School Scholars, about 50. Contributions: Offertory, \$46.00; Diocesan Board of Missions and Pastoral Aid Committee, \$4.00; Foreign and Domestic Missions, \$10.25; Eastern District Church Missionary Association, \$11.26; the Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$8.63; Other Contributions, \$71.70. Total, \$151.84.

The above statistics exhibit the condition of the Parish from the meeting of the Convention in 1857, to Easter, 1858. The late Rector, having previously tendered his resignation, has

entered upon the duties of Missionary at Danvers, where the prospects of the permanent establishment of the Church are very encouraging.

Christ Church, Andover.

THE REV. SAMUEL FULLER, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 3, infants 31,) 34. Confirmed, 32. Communicants: added, 38; died or removed, 21; present number, 100. Marriages, 4. Burials, 7. Sunday School Scholars, 100. Missionary, and other Contributions: Foreign Committee of the General Board, \$101.54; \$52.89 of which was from the members of the Sunday School. Domestic Committee, \$29.42; Widows and Orphans Society, \$17.82; Eastern District Missionary Association, \$73.16; Nashotah, \$33.53; Parish Objects, \$211.54. Total, \$467.01.

St. Stephen's Church, Lynn.

THE REV. ISAAC W. HALLAM, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 9. Burials, 6. Marriages, 4. Confirmed, 11. Communicants: died or removed, 6; added, 8; present number, 60. Sunday Scholars, 50. Missionary and other Contributions: Eastern District Association, \$10; Africa, \$10; Sunday School, \$9.58; Offertory, \$65.19; Ladies' Sewing Society, \$39.48; On account of the parsonage, \$550. Whole amount, \$684.25. A parsonage has been purchased at the cost of \$2400, of which \$850 remain unpaid.

In some other respects, the condition of the parish is improving. A greater interest is manifested in Parochial affairs. The duty of individual effort for the common welfare is more generally recognized. We are not without other and better tokens of divine favor. The seed sown in weakness, and upon a small field, is springing up. May it bear much fruit.

Grace Church, Lawrence.

THE REV. GEORGE PACKARD, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 44, adults 7,) 51. Communicants: added, 21; died, 2; removed, 16; present number, 118. Confirmed,

11. Marriages, 21. Burials, 24. Sunday School: Superintendent, 1; Librarian, 1; Teachers, (Male 5, Female 14,) 19; Scholars, 150. Contributions: From Sunday School — for Africa, \$15.00; for Griswold Press in Oregon, \$23.00; Total, \$38.00; From Parish — Missions in Eastern District of our Diocese, \$45.87; Church in Maine, \$20.00; American Bible Society, \$30.14; Seamen's Mission, under Rev. John Irwin, \$20.00; American Sunday School Union, \$28.26; Offertory, \$230.29. Additional Contributions for the poor, since October 15, 1857, \$419.74. Total, \$832.20.

Since the last Convention, both Minister and people have been visited with judgments and mercies. The Rector desires to acknowledge the merciful goodness of God, in carrying him through a severe and protracted sickness, and in permitting him to enjoy, since his restoration, more than usual health. He also desires to acknowledge, what at the time he deeply felt, the many kind and gratifying attentions elicited by his sickness, which he continually received from his parishioners.

The business perplexity and distress which have pervaded all sorts and conditions of men in our country, have been particularly felt in this community, so exclusively manufacturing; and loud calls from the unemployed, and therefore destitute, have been made upon the charitable, and have been answered by my people, with most praiseworthy liberality. Considering the diminished resources of the Parish, the amount realized for the necessities of the suffering destitute I consider very large.

In this community, there has been an unusual religious interest. We have been privileged to note the operations of the Holy Spirit in convincing of sin, and in bringing souls to repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. A large class awaits the Bishop's visitation in June, to renew their baptismal vows, and by their own act to declare themselves on the Lord's side. Not unto us, not unto us, but unto the power of His grace, be all the glory and all the praise.

Trinity Church, Haverhill.

THE REV. W. COLVIN BROWN, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 5, infants 13,) 18. Marriages, 6. Burials, 5. Confirmed 6. Communicants: added, 18; present number, 38. Sunday School: Teachers, 9; Pupils, 45. Bible Class, 15. Offertory, \$108.93. Other Contributions, exclusive of what has been paid towards the support of worship in the parish, \$460. Total, \$568.93.]

The congregation during the past year has steadily increased. This Parish is now more flourishing than ever before; and those best qualified to judge are confident in the hope that it will soon take rank among the strongest country Parishes in this Diocese.

Middlesex County.*Christ Church, Cambridge.*

THE REV. NICHOLAS HOPPIN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 35, adults 3,) 38. Communicants: added, 26; died or removed, 12; present number, 165. Confirmed, 19. Marriages, 7. Burials, 20. Sunday Scholars, about 60. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$30; Massachusetts Board, \$94.12; Communion Offerings, \$352.01; Sunday School, \$26.

The Ladies of the Church contributed \$54, which, with some other donations, enabled them to make and distribute about two hundred garments for the poor during the winter.

It is gratifying to state that the general condition of the Parish is flourishing. Since the last report, the long contemplated enlargement of the church has been accomplished in a most successful and satisfactory manner. Between one-third and one-half has been added to the length of the building, preserving in every other respect the original features of it, and restoring some parts which had been previously altered or taken away. The convenience for the ministrations has been very greatly

increased ; and the additional accommodation for worshippers is a ground for much congratulation. The whole expense was about \$3000.

The Rector also acknowledges with gratitude the liberality of the parish in allowing him to make a tour in Europe while the alteration was going on, and in providing for his travelling expenses.

St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport.

THE REV. WILLIAM P. PAGE, Rector.

There has been an increase in the attendance upon the services of the Church during the past year, and greater interest felt, I trust, in all that pertains to its welfare. From the time of its formation, this parish has had no ordinary difficulties to encounter ; and, among them, and not the least, the want of a more spacious and better constructed church edifice. Debt is another, from which, however, we hope soon to be relieved. To a Church, especially, the mere name of debt is a very serious evil. But, though the past has been somewhat disheartening, there is much reason for hope in regard to the future, and that, with faithful labors and God's blessing, the parish will grow and prosper.

Our Sunday School is well attended ; has about 60 Scholars, and zealous and faithful Teachers. Number of Communicants, 48. During the year there have been 23 baptisms, 4 marriages, and I have attended 13 funerals.

St. Anne's Church, Lowell.

THE REV. THEODORE EDSON, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 157, adults 21,) 178. Communicants : added, 92 ; died or removed, 47 ; present number, 406. Confirmed, 103. Marriages, 39. Burials, 81. Sunday School : members, 400. Missionary Contributions : General Board, \$142.34 ; Massachusetts Board, \$193.86 ; Other Contributions for Religious purposes, \$244.24 ; Charitable purposes, not strictly religious, \$226.98 ; Alms for the poor, \$1503.86.

By the instance of citizens not of the parish, a subscription was set on foot for a chime of bells, and by the indefatigable efforts of George Hedrick, Esq., resulted successfully. At a cost of over \$4000, raised outside and within the congregation, eleven bells occupy the tower of St. Anne's, much to the satisfaction of the generous donors.

The above statistics are believed to indicate with sufficient accuracy the comparative condition of the parish. "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." (Psalm cxxvi. 3.)

St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls.

THE REV. HENRY BURROUGHS, JR., Minister.

Baptisms, (infants 9, adults 3,) 12. Communicants: added, 18; died or removed, 5; present number, 122. Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 2. Burials, 9. Sunday School Scholars, 100. Missionary Contributions: Diocesan Missions, \$50; for Nebraska, in reply to the appeal of Bishop Lee, \$40; Other Contributions: Episcopal Association for Clothing Sailors, \$10; for the Poor, \$97.92; for the Lecture Room, \$22; in the Sunday School, \$36.21. Whole amount of Missionary and other Contributions, \$256.13.

Collections for the General Board of Missions, which have been postponed on account of the financial embarrassments of the past winter, will be made soon. A service held in the Lecture Room on Saturday evenings is well attended. The congregations on the Lord's Day are large; and there seems to be an increasing interest in spiritual things.

Grace Church, Newton Corner.

THE REV. J. S. COPLEY GREENE, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 13. Confirmed, 12. Communicants: added, 28; left, 15; present number, 63. Burials, 5. Sunday School: Scholars, 87; Teachers and Officers, 15. Sunday School Missionary Contributions, \$101.06; Parish Contributions: Missionary and other purposes, \$213; Offertory, \$228; for Land, \$1400; for Chapel, paid or subscribed, \$2562.33. Total, \$4504.39.

A contract has been made for a small chapel, to be completed on the first of September next.

St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton.

THE REV. ALFRED L. BAURY, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 2. Communicants: added, 1; died, 1; present number, about 25. Burials, 1. Marriages, 2. Missionary Contributions, \$11.31.

This church has been opened for public worship during the past year, every alternate Sunday, from May to December. The attendance on Divine service encourages the belief that Evangelical truth and Apostolic order are making some progress in this portion of the Diocese.

A Seraphine being loaned to the congregation the past season, the aid of an organist and a small choir of singers was obtained, which greatly promoted the devout and decent performance of the music in divine service. Chanting has proved particularly attractive to strangers and young persons.

At the last administration of the Lord's supper in this Church, there were present twenty-one recipients of that Holy Sacrament.

The present incumbent has now for many years been as a volunteer for Christ and the Church in this place, but will gladly relinquish his station whenever a pious and consistent Church Minister shall be employed by the Board of Missions to labor in this field of duty and usefulness. Till when, as the Lord shall give him health and strength, he will continue his unrequited services in faith and patience.

St. John's Church, Charlestown.

THE REV. T. R. LAMBERT, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 86, adults 10,) 96. Communicants, 205. Confirmed, 27. Marriages, 16. Burials, 24. Sunday School: Superintendent, 1; Librarian, 1; Teachers, 25; Scholars, 200. Contributions from Sunday School, Library, etc., \$24.74; from Congregation, for similar purposes, \$35.04; City Mission, \$50; Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$40; American

Bible Society, \$100; Diocesan Missions, \$85; General Domestic Missions, \$36; Rev. E. W. Stokes African Mission, \$16; St. Mary's Church, Boston, \$26; Communion Offerings, \$422.07; Liquidation of Church debt, \$1800. Total, \$2182.75.

The Sunday School, under its faithful Superintendent, George B. Neal, Esq., is in a highly prosperous condition, having increased largely the past year.

The Ladies' Benevolent Sewing Circle, besides contributing liberally to the poor of the Parish, has sent many articles of clothing to the Rector of St. Mary's Church, Boston, for destitute Seamen.

Under a vote passed at a meeting of the Corporation, held at Easter, 1858, the Treasurer has affected a temporary loan of seven hundred dollars, to enable him to pay off the balance due upon the nine thousand dollars mortgage which was placed upon the Church edifice, October 1, 1847, and which has been in process of liquidation since April 1, 1850. The mortgage is now discharged, and the entire amount has been raised within our own Parish, with the exception of five hundred dollars, contributed by the Bishop of the Diocese. The above named seven hundred dollars now constitutes the only indebtedness of the Corporation.

Grace Church, Medford.

THE REV. JUSTIN FIELD, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 1, adults 3,) 4. Married, 1. Buried, 1. Communicants: added, 8; present number, 44. Confirmed, 8. Sunday School: Teachers, 7; Scholars, 40. Contributions: Diocesan Missions, \$31.88; Foreign Missions, \$15; Seamen's Mission, \$10; Bible Society, \$20. Total, \$76.88.

Christ Church, Waltham.

THE REV. THOMAS F. FALES, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 6, adults 2,) 8. Communicants: added, 10; died or removed, 11; present number, 68. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 5. Burials, 17. Sunday School: Teachers, 5;

Scholars, 30. Missionary Contributions: Massachusetts Board, \$37.87; General Board, \$80.45; Sunday School Offerings, \$20; Eastern District Missionary Association, \$60; other Contributions, \$326.77. Total, \$544.59.

We report this year, as usual, a large number of removals. A part of those who have left us have helped to form the nucleus of the Church which has been organized at Auburndale. It is hoped that a permanent parish may be established in that beautiful neighboring village.

The number of Communicants reported is not so large as we hope it will be in a few weeks. A Class for Confirmation is awaiting the annual visitation of the Bishop, which is expected early next month. The condition of this parish is as encouraging as it has been in any previous year of its history.

Trinity Church, Melrose.

THE REV. WILLIAM H. MUNROE, Rector.

Baptisms, 4. Communicants: died, 2; left, 7; added, 12; present number, 33. Marriages, 4. Confirmed, 7. Families, 48. Sunday Scholars, 50. Teachers, 7. Burials, 8. Missionary Contributions, \$8.52; for American Bible Society, \$5; money raised by the Ladies' Sewing Circle, \$250; money raised by the Juvenile Sewing Circle, \$75.

It is now nearly two years since the services of the Church were permanently established in this place. During which time there has been a constant and steady increase in the congregation on Sunday; and I am free to say, that the prospects of this Parish were never more encouraging than at present.

St. Paul's Church, Auburndale.

THE REV. N. G. ALLEN, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 1, infants 11,) 12. Communicants: added, 7; present number, 19. Confirmed, 7. Marriages, 2. Sunday Scholars, 33. Contributions: Offertory, \$36.84; of which, \$8.13 was appropriated to the Domestic Board; Sunday School, \$26.29; of which \$11 was given towards completing the Church at Hoffman Station, Africa,

For the assistance of Christian friends in furnishing the Chapel, our heart-felt thanks are most gratefully rendered. To those who have aided in defraying other expenses, the Parish desire to express thus publicly their sense of obligation.

Nor should this opportunity be omitted of, at least, alluding to the great courtesy manifested towards this infant parish by the Auburndale Lyceum, for the gratuitous use of settees, carpeting, clock and lamps, which now furnish the Chapel; and by the Congregational Church, for the loan of their Melodeon.

To former parishioners of St. John's Church, East Boston, for the donation of plated Communion Vessels, the Rector unites with his people in sentiments of gratitude. He also desires to express his gratification for the personal interest manifested by the ladies of St. Paul's, in presenting him with a Black Gown.

May the Great Head of the Church crown our efforts and prayers with rich spiritual blessing, to the praise of the Glory of His Grace.

Norfolk County.

Christ Church, Quincy.

THE REV. GORDON M. BRADLEY, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 12, adults 1,) 13. Communicants: added, 3; removed, 1; died, 2; present number, 56. Marriages, 5. Burials, 5. Sunday School: Scholars, 50; Teachers, 5. Communion Alms, \$58.50; Missions: Foreign, \$31.27; Domestic, \$7.14.

A few members of the parish, aided by the Bishop and other friends in Boston, contributed about \$300 for altering the church. A vestry and organ-room have been constructed on the same floor with the chancel, thus forming a recess. Also, a handsome screen has been erected behind the Communion table. The general effect of the interior has been much improved. The liberal friends who have helped us will please receive our hearty thanks.

St. Paul's Church, Dedham.

THE REV. S. B. BABCOCK, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 6. Communicants: 115. Marriages, 3. Burials, 8. Sunday School Scholars, 75. Contributions: Western Missions, \$10; Various Church objects, \$5; Diocesan Missions, \$50.

We have been crippled seriously since the last Convention, for want of a church; and our statistics for the same reason are less accurate than usual, and our benefactions outside of ourselves necessarily diminished. We look soon for a better state of things, in store for us, we trust, by the Author and Giver of every good and perfect gift.

St. James's Church, Roxbury.

(No Report.)

St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain.

THE REV. WILLIAM R. BABCOCK, Rector.

Baptisms, (infant 15, adult 3,) 18. Communicants: added, 26; died or removed, 15; present number, 100. Confirmed, 20. Marriages, 2. Burials, 3. Sunday School: Scholars, 60; Teachers, 12. Missionary Contributions: Foreign Missions, (Sunday School \$25,) \$75; Domestic, (Sunday School \$25,) \$75; Diocesan, \$160.30; American Sunday School Union, \$20; American Bible Society, \$50; toward salary of Seamen's Chaplain, \$25; Communion Alms, \$286.02; expended on church, rectory, and grounds, \$5000. Total, \$5691.32.

With a prompt and generous zeal, the parish, during the past year, has met the demand for enlarged church accommodation. The capacity of the edifice has been increased more than one-half, and its whole appearance has been greatly improved and beautified by the addition of a spacious chancel, furnished with tasteful tablets; by the frescoing of the ceiling, and by the introduction of gas. The sum of five thousand dollars required for

this improvement, has been promptly and cheerfully furnished; the ladies of the parish, with characteristic zeal, claiming the privilege of contributing the proceeds of their exertions toward the general fund — and the work has been satisfactorily completed, without a debt.

The spirit of Christian harmony which pervades the parish, and its steady growth, both in strength and numbers, are hailed with gratitude as auguries of its future prosperity.

St. Mary's Church, Dorchester.

THE REV. EDWARD L. DROWN, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 8. Confirmed, 3; (one from St. Paul's Church, Boston.) Communicants: added, 16; died or removed, 6; present number, 90. Marriages, 2. Burials, 8. Sunday School: Teachers, 12; Scholars, 60. Contributions: Foreign Missions, \$127; Domestic Missions, \$22; Diocesan Missions, \$65.46; Sandwich, \$10. Total for Missions, \$224.46. American Sunday School Union, \$29.34; Bible Society, \$25; Other objects, including Offertory, regular Monthly Collections, &c., \$355.74. Total of Contributions, \$634.54.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle, during the past season, has labored exclusively in behalf of the poor. The feast of the Epiphany was observed as a festival for the children of the Sunday School. A Ladies' Bible Class, well attended, is held weekly. Some most valued parishioners have removed during the past year; but our regret at their removal is lessened by the knowledge that distant and more needy parishes are being strengthened by their influence and zeal. The Rector gratefully acknowledges many acts of kindness from his parishioners; especially a liberal donation of \$200 from the gentlemen of his parish, and a valuable addition to his library from the ladies of the Bible Class.

St. Paul's Church, Brookline.

THE REV. JOHN S. STONE, D. D., Rector.

This Report covers the state of the parish for a little more than fifteen months. Baptisms, infants, 12. Confirmed, 7.

Communicants, 90. Marriages, 2. Burials, 4. Contributions to objects of Christian benevolence, \$15464.34. These contributions have been received from the following sources, viz: Regular Monthly Offerings, \$1782.30; *Special* Offering, added to the Monthly Offering, February 15th, 1857, \$12646.14; Offering, \$761.90; Other donations, \$274. Total, \$15464.34. And these contributions have been appropriated to the following objects, viz: Theological Education, \$600; Foreign Missions, \$234.73; Domestic Missions, General Board, \$83.06; Church objects in Massachusetts, \$311; Feeble parishes out of Massachusetts, \$107; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$121.25; Diocesan Missions to Seamen in Boston, \$194.39; American Bible Society, \$172.47; American Sunday School Union, \$309.07; For the Religious and Intellectual Education of Youth in Kansas Territory, \$12646.14; The Poor, \$253.75; Miscellaneous, \$331.81. Total, \$15464.34.

The parish, in its religious and secular condition, continues to enjoy the smiles of the gracious Head of the Church.

Plymouth County.

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.

THE REV. SAMUEL CUTLER, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 5, adults 2,) 7. Communicants: added, 4; died, 2; removed, 3; present number, 102. Confirmed, 1. Marriages, 3. Burials, 11. Sunday School: Teachers, 9; Scholars, 45.

Total amount of Missionary and other Contributions, for objects without the Parish, viz., for Foreign Missions, \$95.67; of this amount, \$25 is from the Dorcas Society, being their ninth payment, for China Mission, of that sum; and \$10.67 is from the Sunday School. Domestic Missions at the West, \$40; Massachusetts Board, \$36.86; Seamen's Mission, \$25; American Sunday School Union, \$25; of this amount, \$5 is from the Sunday School; Widows and Orphans Society, \$40; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$25; American Tract Society, \$10; American Bible Society, \$75. Total, \$372.53.

There has also been raised and expended for alterations and repairs on the Church Edifice, and Parsonage, the sum of about \$1400; and for a new organ, in addition to the sum received for the old organ, about \$700; and for papers, tracts and books distributed in the parish, about \$30. Total, \$2130. Whole amount *within* and *without* the Parish, \$2508.53.

The interior of the church has been very much improved, and made more attractive and convenient by a new chancel, pulpit and desk. A convenient vestry-room has also been added in the rear of the church. One of Chilson's Cone Furnaces has also been substituted for the former method of warming the building. A new organ, of fine tone and of sufficient power for the dimensions of the Church, from the manufactory of Messrs. Simmons & Willcox, Boston, was put up in the church in the month of March, 1858.

In temporal things, the Parish continues prosperous. Would that we could be cheered by additions to the Church, of those who are actually brought into acceptance with God, as penitent believers in Jesus Christ. In this respect our labors do not of late seem to have been successful.

In the somewhat extended interest in religion which prevails, few or none among us are asking, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" although our Lenten, and other week day services, have been more frequent and more fully attended than in former years.

We wait in hope, that the word preached will be blessed; and that God will add to the Church of such as shall be saved.

Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

[No Report.]

Christ Church, Plymouth.

[No Report.]

Bristol County.*St. Thomas's Church, Taunton.*

THE REV. T. H. VAIL, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 22, adults 15,) 37. Communicants: added, 19; died or removed, 8; present number, 150. Confirmed, 9. Marriages, 4. Burials, 11. Sunday Schools: Teachers, 43; Scholars, 290. Missionary and Charitable Collections: Communion Alms for the poor, \$104.83; General Board; Foreign Missions, \$25; Domestic Missions, \$25; Diocesan Missions, \$15.56; Church Building in the West, \$17; Sunday School, \$15.62. Total, \$203.01. Sunday School Collections, applied to various religious objects, \$104.30.

The late Rector, the Rev. Dr. Neville, now of Trinity Church, Newark, New Jersey, having resigned the charge of this parish in the Summer of 1857, the Rectorship remained vacant until the first of January of this year, (1858), when the present Rector commenced his duties. The statistics reported above, excepting the contributions for Missionary and Charitable purposes, cover the whole time from January 1857, to May 1858—the time between the last and the present Conventions. The contributions reported are only those made since the present Rector entered upon his charge. Of the Baptisms reported above, 18 are by the present Rector, 13 of these being of adults, a part of quite a large class expecting Confirmation at the approaching Episcopal visitation. The building of the new church, although seriously delayed by the severe pecuniary disasters of the last year, is now again steadily progressing, so that we are hoping for its completion in the course of the coming Summer. There has been within the parish, for two or three months past, a more than usual interest in religious truths, from which some happy results have already been realized; and for which we “thank God and take courage.”

Grace Church, New Bedford.

THE REV. SPENCER M. RICE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 47, adults 20,) 67. Communicants : added, 20. Confirmed, 9. Marriages, 7. Burials, 15. Sunday School : Scholars, 150 ; Teachers, 26. Contributions : Offertory Alms, \$234.42 ; Diocesan and other Missions, \$90.48 ; Collected in and for Sunday School, \$101.52 ; for feeble Parishes, \$35 ; For Church Furniture, \$254. Total, \$714.42.

It has pleased God to grant, since the last report, still greater and more abundant blessings to this parish. In temporal and in spiritual interests it has made progress. A class of some fifty Candidates is now awaiting Confirmation. The congregation is large, united, and as we have reason to trust, animated to a good degree with religious affections and desires ; and our prayer is, that the Great Head of the Church may still bless it more and more.

Church of the Ascension, Fall River.

THE REV. E. M. PORTER, Rector.

The following is the Report for the last Conventional year, including nearly sixteen months : Baptisms, (infants 56, adults 1,) 57. Communicants : added, 12 ; died or removed, 14 ; present number, 95. Confirmed, 6. Marriages, 18. Burials, 43. Sunday Scholars, 225, average attendance, 145. Ladies' Bible Class, 17. Missionary Contributions : Domestic Missions, (Kansas,) by a Sunday School Class, \$2.09 ; Diocesan Missions, \$1.40. Other Religious Purposes : Communion Alms, \$35.33 ; The Sunday School, for Library, the Child's Paper, and other objects, (including the two dollars and nine cents above,) \$27.91 ; The Ladies' Sewing Circle, for various parochial objects, \$85. Total, \$149.64.

Christ Church, Swansea.

THE REV. W. B. COLBURN, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 1. Communicants : added, 7 ; died, 1 ; present number, 16. Confirmed, 1. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1.

Sunday Scholars, about 30. Collections: for Domestic Missions, \$2; Diocesan Missions, \$3; Southern District Missionary Association, \$3.61; Sunday School, towards the Griswold Printing Press, for Bishop Scott, \$2; for Foreign Missions, \$1.20; and for the purchase of Sunday School Books, \$2.25; Ladies' Sewing Circle, for various parochial purposes, \$135.40. Total, \$149.96.

This Parish may fairly be numbered among those mentioned in the Report of the Board of Diocesan Missions, contained in the Journal of our last Convention, as being located "in communities in which their influence is peculiarly needful, on account of the extreme laxity of religious principle which prevails; the predominance of errors subversive of the essential faith of the Gospel; and the increasing practice of desecrating the Lord's Day and occasions of public worship, by the introduction of subjects, political and others, which have no connection with the Gospel and the salvation of men." The Church is the only place of worship in a small village, where in former years pestilent and demoralizing doctrines have been proclaimed, and whose whole vicinity displays the results of the teachings of those who "strengthen the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, by promising him life." The young and enterprising go forth to seek their fortune where prospects are more flattering. Thus it often happens, that persons who are becoming attached to the solemn services and primitive institutions of the Church, leave the place when we just begin to regard them as helpers in the good work. From such a variety of causes, this must long remain a feeble parish, and the incumbent must be contented to perform severe and toilsome missionary labor, in the exercise of faith and patience, trusting in God for a blessing. Yet, amid all these discouragements, we have reason to believe that the seed sown has sprung up, and borne fruit. Souls have, we trust, been savingly converted, and the workings of error, to some extent, counteracted. And such, we may believe, will be the case, so long as faithful and unsparing efforts are bestowed upon this portion of the vineyard.

Trinity Church, Pawtucket.

THE REV. J. S. TOWNSEND, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 11, infants 24,) 35. Confirmed, 7. Marriages, 4. Burials, 12. Communicants, 90. Sunday School: Teachers, 12; Pupils, 100. Collections: Expenses of Convention, \$6; Diocesan Missions, \$15; Sunday School Purposes, \$30; Offertory, \$29.80; Weekly Collections for Parish Purposes, \$87.74; for Rev. E. W. Stokes, of Monrovia, West Africa, \$7.34; Bible and Common Prayer Book Society, of New York, \$5; Pawtucket Aid Society for the Poor, \$6.69. Total, \$187.57.

Notwithstanding the tremendous financial crisis which has afflicted our country during this, the first year of our effort to become self-supporting, the Parish has maintained, and by the blessing of God will continue to maintain, its position. Its *spiritual* prosperity was never greater than at present. The Fatherly chastisements which we have received, in common with our brethren throughout the land, are working out among us the designed results of an earnest attention to things unseen and eternal. The fleeting and uncertain nature of earthly dependencies has so come home to the hearts of the men of the world here, that they have been induced to seek and obtain an interest in Heaven.

Nantucket County.*St. Paul's Church, Nantucket.*

(No Report.)

Worcester County.*St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville.*

THE REV. BENJAMIN H. CHASE, late Rector.

Communicants: added, 3; died or removed, 5; present number, 72. Confirmed, 1. Marriages, 3. Burials, 10. Sunday School Scholars, about 50. Missionary Contributions:

Foreign Missions, \$8; Domestic Missions, \$8; Diocesan Missions, \$6.60; Society for relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, \$12; Offertory, \$22.59; for other Religious objects, \$213. Total, \$270.19.

This parish, though never strong, continues to sustain itself with commendable perseverance and resolution. The congregation numbers many good and true men, who may be relied upon in an emergency, according to their ability.

The entire cessation of the business of the place during the past winter affected, in some degree, the income of the Church from the rent of pews. Some who had formerly paid fully and promptly, were unable now to pay at all. The deficit, however, was promptly made up by subscription at the end of the year.

The services of the Church are quite as well attended as formerly. Our Sunday School, though much too small, is at present in an encouraging state. The praises of the church are led with spirit and skill by a full, devoted, and well-trained choir. Our extra services during the winter, and especially during the season of Lent, were of unusual interest and solemnity. God's people were revived and strengthened, and the unconverted were exhorted and warned. The ladies of the parish have continued their active benevolent efforts through the winter, and have now in hand a handsome sum to be appropriated as the Church may need. May the Lord continue to raise up zealous and faithful supporters of this Church; and may He keep and preserve the vine which He has here planted, and make it fruitful in all coming generations.

All Saints' Church, Worcester.

THE REV. A. M. MORRISON, late Rector.

THE REV. WILLIAM H. BROOKS, late in temporary charge of the Parish.

Baptisms, (infants 23, adults 1,) 24. Communicants: added, 22; died, 1; removed, 22; present number, 88. Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 4. Burials, 7. Sunday School: Teachers, 7; Scholars, 50. Adult Bible Class, 20. Contributions: Communion

Alms, \$120.80; Diocesan Missions, \$17; Domestic Missions, (Church, \$5.19, Sunday School, \$6.81,) \$12; Foreign Missions, (Church \$21, Sunday School \$20,) \$41; Parish Sunday School, \$19.90; Worcester County Bible Society, \$5; Protestant Episcopal Society for the promotion of Evangelical Knowledge, \$15.30; Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society, \$5; American Sunday School Union, \$6.50; American Tract Society, \$4; Society for the Relief of Aged and Indigent Clergymen, \$8; Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$11; Charitable Institutions and Societies in Worcester, \$111.08; the Ladies' Missionary Sewing Circle of the Parish, (in addition to their contributions of money included in the above statistics,) clothing for needy Candidates for Holy Orders, valued at \$20. Total, \$396.58.

On the 29th of December, 1857, the Rev. A. M. Morrison resigned the Rectorship of the parish. The office is still vacant. I have carefully revised and corrected the list of Communicants: this revision and correction will account for the largeness of the number reported as having removed from the parish. The above report extends to April 5th, last, at which time my engagement with the parish terminated.

Christ Church, Clappville.

THE REV. J. HILL ROUSE, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 8. Communicants: added, 5; died or removed, 4; suspended, 3; present number, about 40. Marriages, 2. Burials, 7. Sunday School: Teachers, 6; Scholars, 45. Missionary and Charitable Contributions: Communion Alms, \$21; Missions, &c., \$50.

I am happy to report the condition of this parish as sound and improving. Our temporal prospects are, certainly, good as formerly; in all their obligations and intercourse with their Rector, liberal and prompt. Every pew in the church is rented. And what is still more gratifying, there are some very encouraging indications of spiritual prosperity among us. A few cases of hopeful conversion have already occurred, while some others are inquiring their way to Zion, with their faces thitherward. Our

contemplated services during the Lenten season were very much interrupted, and, indeed, well nigh broken up by the severe and protracted illness of the Rector; but we are now endeavoring to make up for this by holding, at the present time, a third Service on the Lord's Day, and one, at least, during the week. Our earnest prayer is that God will abundantly bless His own institutions to His own glory and the salvation of men.

St. John's Church, Millville.

THE REV. ALFRED B. GOODRICH, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 16. Communicants: added, 9; died, 2; removed, 24; present number, 56. Confirmed, 6. Marriages, 4. Burials, 13. Sunday School Scholars, about 80. Missionary Contributions: Domestic Missions, \$8; Foreign Missions, \$80; Children's Easter Offerings, \$30; Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$6; Special Collection at Christmas, \$18; Communion Alms, \$75.40. Total, \$167.49.

The parish has suffered during the past year by removals. Among the number who have left us, I regret to state, are the first members and founders of the parish, whose Christian zeal and liberality, by the Divine blessing, secured the erection of a beautiful and durable house of worship for the parish, and who have contributed largely and unweariedly, by their efforts and means, to sustain the services ever since they were commenced. But notwithstanding the heavy losses which we have sustained, there is much in the present condition of the parish to afford hope and encouragement. Though the number of Communicants has diminished, the number of parishioners has increased, and there seems to be more interest in the services at the present time, than ever before. The Sunday School continues to flourish, and is an interesting and encouraging feature of the parish.

During the year a parish Library, consisting of about two hundred volumes, has been established.

The Christmas and Easter Festivals for the children have taken place as usual, and are found productive of good results.

As in former years, I have occasionally held a Sunday Evening Service in the village of Blackstone, where the feeling toward

our Church is so favorable, that I am persuaded that a large congregation might be soon gathered, if the services of a Clergyman could be given wholly to the work.

Hampton County.

Christ Church, Springfield.

THE REV. WILLIAM S. CHILD, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 20, infants 36,) 56. Communicants: died, 7; removed, 27; present number, 190. Confirmed, 17. Marriages, 21. Burials, 30. Offerings, &c.: Nashotah, \$43.50; Jews, \$17.06; Bishop Lee, for Iowa, \$2; Mr. Breck's Indian Mission, \$10; Domestic Committee, \$59.44. Total for Domestic Missions, \$132. Foreign Missions, \$35.30; Special Collection for Board of Missions, \$20.76; Diocesan Missions, \$75; Church Book Society, \$10; New York Prayer Book and Bible Society, \$10; Protestant Episcopal Tract Society, \$10; for Parish Sunday School, \$44.39; Parish Depository Church Books, \$43; Sunday School Collections, \$16.30; Episcopal Association for clothing Destitute Seamen, \$15.73; Parish Debt, \$1266.27; Communion Alms, &c., \$411.02. Total amount, \$2088.51.

Grace Church, Chicopee.

THE REV. A. CROSWELL, Rector.

Baptisms, infants 8. Communicants, 20. Marriages, 1. Sunday School Scholars, 35. Contributions: Diocesan Missions, \$9; to other Religious purposes, \$21. Total, \$30.

This is the Parish Record since October. There has been but little change in the number of Communicants, but we look for a considerable increase at Confirmation. The re-opening of the church has been attended with marked success. The larger part of the pews are rented, and the services are well attended; as well on the Holy days, and at Special services during the week, as on Sunday. We are highly favored in always having the music of the Church on these occasions, thanks to the kindness and zeal of the choir, whose services are almost entirely

gratuitous. All the members of the Parish have exerted themselves nobly, and it is for this reason, that, under God's blessing, we enter upon another year with every assurance of prosperity.

Hampshire County.

St. John's Church, Northampton.

THE REV. O. S. BARTEN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 29, adults 4,) 33. Communicants: English, 86; German, 60; total, 146. Marriages, 4. Burials, 4. Confirmed, none. Sunday School: Scholars, 64; Teachers, 12. Contributions: Foreign Missions, \$88.52; Domestic Missions, \$48.40; Trinity Church, Haverhill, \$15; St. Michael's, Brattleboro, Vt., \$10; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$20; Sundries, \$105.68. Total, \$287.60.

The present Rector took charge of the Parish in November last. He acknowledges with sincere and heart-felt gratitude, God's kindness to him and to his people. The attendance upon divine worship has been very good, and well sustained throughout the winter. A steady demand for pews gives us great encouragement for the future.

The Rector in addition to his regular labors, has given occasional services in the neighboring villages of Florence and Leeds, to congregations varying from 50 to 150. He also preaches to the Germans scattered about in this neighborhood, once a month in our own church, and once a month in South Hadley Falls, distant about 10 miles; and administers to them the Lord's Supper once every three months; and it gives him great pleasure to report that these services are extremely well attended, and that at each administration of the Lord's Supper, from 40 to 50 partook of the sacred elements.

We trust that the work of grace may go on among us, and that the great Shepherd and Bishop of souls may richly and abundantly bless this portion of His flock.

Franklin County.*St. James's Church, Greenfield.*

[No Report.]

St. John's Church, Ashfield.

[No Report.]

Berkshire County.*St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough.*

THE REV. S. BRENTON SHAW, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 7, adults 2,) 9. Communicants: added, 8; died or removed, 6; present number, 72. Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 3. Burials, (8 not of the parish,) 13. Sunday Scholars, 70. Collections: Foreign Missions, \$5; Domestic and Diocesan Missions, \$35; for the Poor, \$19.25; Sunday School, \$8; for Church in Adams, \$60; Repairs on Rectory, \$75; Chandeliers and lamps, \$125; Other Contributions for Church purposes, \$129.58. Total, \$456.83.

This ancient Parish still pursues the even tenor of its way—and although neither rich nor large, has been the means, during nearly a century, of countless blessings to many successive generations. Its funds have been improved during the past year. The Sunday School is flourishing—and in good weather the congregation is always comparatively large. May its spiritual interests ever be proportionate, at least, to its temporal prosperity.

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.

THE REV. W. H. N. STEWART, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 20, adults 17,) 37. Confirmed, 22. Communicants: former number, 72; added, 40; died or removed, 11; present number, 101. Burials, 14. Sunday School Scholars, 58. Contributions: Domestic Missions, \$15.58; General

Board, \$57.16; Massachusetts Board, \$15.43; Widows and Orphans, &c., \$8; Seamen's Mission in Boston, \$7. Other Contributions for Church purposes: Gas fixtures in church, \$200; Lamp-post, \$16; Ashley water brought into the Rectory, \$120; Communion Alms and proceeds of the Weekly Offertory, for various purposes, \$358.82; Sunday School Offering, for "Griswold Press," \$16; placed in the Rector's hands, for the Poor, \$10; and Mrs. V. W. \$5. Total, \$829.

These statistics give cheering indications of both material and spiritual growth. The Grace of God has accompanied the faithful use of the means of grace, and among the unusually large number confirmed, were eight heads of families. "All the people are very attentive to hear" the Church's words of truth and soberness, and an excellent spirit of unanimity and patient endurance of parochial trials prevails. The Rector, Wardens and Vestry, and the Parish at large, have borne in silence an almost unparalleled amount of misrepresentation, because, in their several vocations and ministries, they have done their duty and undertaken to order their parochial affairs according to law, and as the occasion required. The Rev. G. T. Chapman, D. D., an aged and respectable Presbyterian of the Church, has committed an act of intrusion into this Parish, by officiating at a funeral in despite of the Rector's prohibition. Certain parties connected with the deceased applied to the Rector for his permission to be granted to Dr. Chapman to officiate at the funeral of their departed relative. The permission was at once freely granted, on condition that the usual custom and courtesy in such cases should be observed, viz: that the Rector of the parish should be invited to attend the funeral. After seeking for this permission, and receiving it on conditions expressly written out, and cheerfully acceded to at first by them, the parties in question deliberately violated their own pledges and the conditions assented to at first by them. This refusal to comply with the customary courtesy, by which the rights of a Rector in his parish are recognized, was prompted by the desire to establish a precedent for the intrusion and introduction of strange Clergymen into St. Stephen's Parish. On learning from the parties their intention dishonorably to violate

the conditions they had deliberately agreed to, the Rector absolutely forbade Dr. Chapman to officiate; and that Presbyter, in disregard of the Church's Law, the rights of his Brother Presbyter, and the dishonorable course of the parties concerned, did officiate on the occasion. Information of this breach of the law was lodged with the Standing Committee by the Rector, on his own behalf, and by a large majority of the Vestry, on theirs.

Up to this time, no information has been received by the Rector, Wardens or Vestry, of the way in which the case has been disposed of, although the Standing Committee have had the case before them for more than six months. Before presenting the matter to the Standing Committee, the Rector of St. Stephen's, by letter, requested Dr. Chapman to give him an acknowledgment of his error in officiating in St. Stephen's Parish, without the "Rector's express permission for that purpose." This was requested, that Dr. Chapman's act of intrusion might not be drawn into a precedent; but Dr. Chapman, although he knows he has done wrong, has kept silence. No reply has been received from him. His admission of error in officiating without leave, and against prohibition, would have been used only as a bar to any plea of precedent which might be made hereafter; and had the excellent and venerable Presbyter made that admission, no information of his breach of the law would have been given by the Rector or Vestry of St. Stephen's.

There are many persons connected with our Church, by birth or preference, in the factory villages around Pittsfield. They are very much debarred from attendance on the Church's services, and are without her teachings for their children. A young man, the nephew of a Presbyter of our Church, who is faithful, zealous and pious, has been moved by the Spirit of God to offer himself for Orders as a Deacon, under the new Canon which dispenses with collegiate and classical attainments. He proposes to devote himself to the office and work of a Deacon, as set forth in the Ordinal, and to support himself. I think his offer very acceptable, and I pray God to crown his ministry, in this voluntarily chosen lowest place, with such success as will secure him the "Well done, thou good and faithful servant," from the Master, when at last he shall be called up higher.

The ladies of the Parish have, by their own work, lighted the church with gas, and improved the Rectory-house, with exemplary industry and perseverance. One lady has presented the Church with a pair of candlesticks for the Communion Table. The candelabrum hitherto in use there was the property of an individual whose ecclesiastical and spiritual condition is now such that he cannot acceptably "offer" any permanent or temporary "gift." An offer of a velvet covering for the Holy Table has been made to the Rector, on the express but singular condition that the Communion Table shall not be made the depository of the pocket handkerchief or elbows of any Clergyman, for the future. As good breeding would forbid a man to deposit either elbows or handkerchief on his own or any other man's dinner table, it is hoped that no Clergyman will so lack reverence as to place either his handkerchief or his elbows on the Table of the Lord. So the Rector, notwithstanding the singular condition, has concluded to accept the covering, in the hope that the condition may be fulfilled.

The season of Lent was solemnized by services on Wednesdays and Fridays during the six weeks of Lent, and on every day during Holy Week. Addresses and Lectures were delivered at every service, and the attendance was numerous, and the result, it is to be hoped, beneficial.

The Rector has great reason to thank God and take courage, to be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as he has the promise and the earnest that his labor shall not be in vain in the Lord.

St. James's Church, Great Barrington.

THE REV. G. LEWIS PLATT, Rector.

Baptisms, 16. Confirmed, 7. Marriages, 9. Burials, 16. Communicants: added, 11; removed, 7; deaths, 7; present number, 120. (Some corrections in the list since last year.) Sunday School: Scholars, 60; Teachers, 10. Contributions: to Diocesan Missions, \$20.21; to Foreign Missions, \$13.53; to Domestic Missions, \$10.53; Sunday School Offering for Domestic Missions, \$5; Communion Offerings, \$68.71; Margaret

Coffin Prayer Book Society, \$8; Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$12; Sunday School and Parish Libraries, \$18.46; Christmas Collection for Disabled Clergymen, \$11.26. Total, \$162.70. Services since last report, 160. Eighty copies of the "Parish Visitor" have been monthly distributed. The new church site and Parsonage, spoken of in last report, have been purchased by the Parish in exchange for the old church property, (valued at \$4000,) and the Hollenbeck Legacy, (\$1000.) The Corner-stone of a new stone church in the Gothic style was laid with appropriate services, May 23, 1857. It was designed by Mr. Washburn, of Springfield, and built by the Bros. Hays, of Bridgeport, Ct. The main building is 94 feet long by 50 wide, with a tower in front, 16 feet square, a chancel extension 12 feet at the end, and an Organ Gallery. It has not an open roof, but has a high pointed ceiling, chastely ornamented. The pews, pulpit and reading desk, are mainly of black walnut. It will have about 600 sittings. Mrs. Bigelow has presented the Church with a new and beautiful Communion Service of silver. Mr. G. R. Ives has provided a tasteful Chancel window of stained glass, with the device of a descending dove. Miss Crossman has ordered the Chancel furniture, and Mr. Bryan, of Springfield, the Bible and Prayer Books for the reading desk and Communion Table. The Ladies' Society are hoping to make arrangements for uniform cushions and carpets throughout. The Church will be ready for occupancy in four or five weeks. On the whole expenditure there will be a debt of upwards of \$7000, more than was expected or desired. But, as said in the Rector's Address at the laying of the corner-stone, "Burdens for God are good for God's people. If they are *heavy*, they are not His burdens, He will not recognize them as his own. Christ's yoke is easy." And whatever God's providence has in store for our future, there will be, we trust, ultimate blessings. His chastenings are in love.

Trinity Church, Vandeusenville.

THE REV. LEWIS GREEN, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 5. Communicants: added, 1; removed, 4; present number, 33. Burials, 5. Sunday Scholars, 25. Mission-

ary Contributions: General Board, Foreign, \$7.50; Massachusetts Board, Diocesan, \$17.50; Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$5; Sunday School Library, \$7.37; "Griswold Press," by Sunday School, \$2; Communion Offerings, \$17.32. Total, \$56.69.

St. Andrew's Church, New Boston.

(No Report.)

St. Paul's Church, Otis.

(No Report.)

St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.

THE REV. J. A. PENNIMAN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 13, adults 10,) 23. Communicants: removed, 4; reported last year, 51; added since, 14; present number, 61. Confirmed, 10. Marriages, 1. Burials, 4. Sunday Scholars, 20. Contributions: Foreign Missions, \$6; Domestic Missions, \$8; Diocesan Missions, \$14.29; Communion Offerings, \$47.25; Other Collections, \$57; Church Contingent Fund, \$6.

The above statement dates from January 1, 1857, to Easter, 1858. Meantime there has been increasing interest in this Church and neighborhood, in regard of piety and Church principles.

Trinity Church, Lenox.

(No Report.)

St. John's Church, North Adams.

THE REV. B. F. DE COSTA, Minister.

The undersigned took charge of this Church on the first day of November last; the services having been sustained for several months by a Lay reader. Since that period my time has been devoted to the interests of the parish, and an increased interest on the part of those connected with it has been the result. A Sunday School has also been established, which promises to be

very successful. Services have been held once every week during the winter, and extra services at Williamstown and South Adams, where several of our Communicants reside.

The parish contemplate taking immediate steps for the erection of a neat and commodious church; it being deemed impolitic to continue the service in the public hall another season. It is expected that when such a place of worship is secured, the parish will make rapid advancement in numbers and strength. The statistics of the parish stand as follows: Baptisms, 16. Confirmed, 1. Burials, 1. Communicants, about 20. Sunday School: Teachers, 4; Scholars, 20.

St. George's Church, Lee.

THE REV. G. T. CHAPMAN, D. D., Minister.

Baptisms, (infants 3, adults 4,) 7. Confirmed, 13. Funerals, 9. Communicants: added, 17; whole number, 28. Five months this fourth day of May, 1858, have elapsed, since I sustained a severe accident by falling, in a dark night, from the platform at the railroad station in Lee. It caused my confinement to the bed six weeks, and more than eight intervened, before I was carried to the church, where I have now officiated for the last fourteen Sundays. During this long period, I have been unable to visit more than four families, and this must account for the limited character of the above statistics. By the Divine blessing, I am, however, slowly recovering from the lameness incurred by the disaster, and now hope to commence with renewed ardor my parochial visitations, as my general health is not in the slightest degree impaired. Under these circumstances, a proposal to retire from the charge of the Church was steadily resisted by my kind and sympathizing parishioners, to whom I feel under the greatest obligations for the interest they have taken in my welfare. The prospects before me, both spiritual and temporal, continue highly flattering; and constant accessions are making to the congregation. Our Sunday School suffered severely by the intermission of its exercises, but it is now reorganized under favorable auspices. My Bible Class, for instance, consisting of about twenty promising members.

The church edifice, contemplated at the last Convention, has been already completed, with the exception of some part of the chancel furniture, soon expected, and was occupied for the first time, January 31, Septuagesima Sunday. It has a most eligible central situation, and, with the land, has cost upwards of seven thousand dollars. Of this sum, six hundred dollars have been realized from abroad, while four thousand four hundred have been raised by the congregation; leaving a debt of about two thousand. This last sum, however, is not owing to the builders, but to some of our fastest friends. For a new country Church, I cannot but think that this manifests a most laudable and munificent spirit, seldom surpassed, and worthy of all imitation. From a beloved brother clergyman in Newburyport, we have received a beautiful surplice; and an excellent lady of Pittsfield has presented us with a superb Oxford Bible, and no less than five costly prayer books, &c., for the desk, chancel and pulpit. The church itself is of Gothic architecture, designed by Mr. Rathbone of Pittsfield, and will accommodate from two hundred and fifty to three hundred persons. It has a handsome tower, with stained windows throughout, and is pronounced by competent judges a perfect gem; chaste in its ornaments, and faultless in its proportions.

Barnstable County.

The Church of the Messiah, Wood's Hole.

THE REV. T. B. FLOWER, Rector.

Communicants, 13; Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 1. Diocesan Missions, \$43.64; Foreign Missions, \$20.00; Domestic Missions, \$19.17. Sabbath School, Juvenile Missionary, for China, \$4.46; Offertory, \$20.75; a Christmas offering, from a gentleman who is a friend of the parish, for the poor, \$10. Sabbath School: Scholars, 41; Teachers, 5.

This parish is in a very encouraging spiritual condition. The congregation is larger and much more regular in their attendance than heretofore.

During the last year, a very substantial stone fence has been

put up round the church, at the expense of a benevolent gentleman who spends a few months in the Summer in the parish, and who is abundant in good deeds.

St. John's Church, Sandwich.

[No Report.]

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :

I have respectfully to report that, after a cruise of two years and eight months, I was detached from the U. S. steam frigate "Wabash,"—the flag-ship of the Home squadron—on the first day of March last. I have since been ordered for duty to the Boston Navy Yard, and now perform Divine service and preach regularly, on Sundays, on board the receiving ship "Ohio."

Since my report at the last Convention, I have performed the funeral service, at sea and on land, seven times.

In addition to my ordinary duties as Chaplain, I have preached three times in this Diocese, and twice at Key West, in the Diocese of Florida, and assisted five times in the administration of the Holy Communion. I have also baptized three infants, and solemnized one marriage.

M. B. CHASE, *Chaplain U. S. Navy.*

To the Right Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D., }
Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts : }

Since my last report, a year since, ill health has prevented me from performing any other than occasional services in the Church; and I have baptized one infant.

GEORGE C. SHEPARD.

Baltimore, Md., May 3, 1858.

To the Right Reverend the Bishop of Massachusetts :

Having accepted an appointment from the American Bible Society, my connection with St. Paul's Church, Boston, was discontinued on the first of March, 1857. I was induced to

accept this appointment for the purpose of awakening and maintaining in our communion an active interest in this great charity, so fundamental and important to the extension of the Protestant faith. I have preached in behalf of the Society in the following churches: In *Massachusetts*. — Trinity, St. Paul's, St. Matthew's, Grace, and Christ Church, Boston; Christ Church, Waltham; St. Peter's, Cambridgeport; Grace Church, Newton Corner; St. John's, Charlestown; St. John's, Jamaica Plain; St. Mary's, Dorchester; St. Andrew's, Hanover; St. Paul's, Brookline; St. James's Roxbury; St. Peter's, Salem; Grace Church, Lawrence; St. Michael's, Marblehead; St. Paul's, Newburyport; Grace Church, Medford; St. Luke's, Lanesboro'; St. James's, Great Barrington; Trinity, Van Deusenville; St. Paul's, Stockbridge; St. George's, Lee; Grace Church, New Bedford; Trinity Church, Melrose; Trinity Church, Pawtucket, and St. Andrew's Church, Chelsea.

In *New Hampshire*. — St. John's, Portsmouth; Trinity Church, and Union Church, Claremont.

In *Maine*. — Christ Church, Gardiner; St. Stephen's, and St. Luke's, Portland; and St. John's Church, Bangor.

In *Rhode Island*. — St. John's Church, Providence; Christ Church, Westerly; St. Paul's, North Providence; St. Mark's Church, Warren; St. Luke's Church, East Greenwich; Christ Church, Lonsdale; St. Michael's Church, Bristol; Trinity Church, and Emmanuel Church, Newport.

In *New York*. — Christ Church, Bay Ridge; Christ Church, Brooklyn; Church of the Holy Trinity, Brooklyn; St. Peter's Church, Brooklyn; St. Mark's, in the Bowery, New York; Church of the Holy Communion, New York; St. Anne's Church, Brooklyn; Christ Church, New York; Church of the Epiphany, New York; Christ Church, Williamsburg; St. John's Church, Clifton, Staten Island.

In *New Jersey*. — St. John's Church, Elizabeth; and Trinity Church, Princeton.

The contributions made in connection with my labors in *Massachusetts* will be found in the several parochial reports, and in the report of the *Massachusetts Bible Society*. They have in

general been very satisfactory in amount; reflecting great credit upon the parishes by which they have been made. The experience of the past year has produced the conviction on my mind that our Church needs only the requisite information to be given, to call forth an efficient practical interest in giving free course to God's blessed Word. No other Institution proposes to do, or can do, the work undertaken by the American Bible Society, viz: to place the Word of God in the hands of all persons of every rank and condition in our entire country. As this is becoming more fully understood, so our Church is rising more generally to the measure of her duty in this great and good work.

I have also preached, on other subjects, thirty-one sermons. I have administered, or aided in the administration of, the Holy Communion eleven times; and have officiated in other offices of the Church on several occasions.

EDMUND F. SLAFTER.

Boston, May 5, 1858.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :

My relation to the American Sunday School Union continues the same as at the time of my last report.

Since the last Convention, the annexed amounts have been received from the following Churches and individuals: Trinity Church, Boston, \$193.80; St. Paul's, Boston, (of which \$30 are from the Sunday School,) \$169; Grace Church, Boston, \$5; St. Thomas's, Taunton, (Sunday School,) \$10; All Saints', Worcester, \$6.50; Christ Church, Waltham, \$10; Grace, Newton Corner, (\$12 of which are from the Sunday School,) \$25; "G," \$25; St. Andrew's, Hanover, (\$5 of which are from the Sunday School,) \$25; Grace Church, Lawrence, \$28.26; St. Mary's, Dorchester, \$28.48; St. Paul's, Newburyport, \$15; "A Friend" in Newburyport, \$5; St. James's, Roxbury, \$30.17; St. John's, Providence, \$331.50; Grace Church, Providence, \$24.86; Zion Church, Bristol, Rhode Island, \$22.31; Christ Church, Lonsdale, \$12.73; St. Mark's, Warren, \$7.79; St. Michael's, Marblehead, \$5.25; St. John's, Jamaica Plain, \$20; "A Friend," \$20; St. Paul's, Brookline, \$308.07. Total, \$1418.65.

In the collection of February, 1857, at St. Paul's, Brookline, was a document from Amos Lawrence, Esq., placing property valued, in round numbers, at twelve thousand dollars, in trust, for the benefit of Kansas. One half of the annual income of the above amount was to be devoted to the advancement of Common School Education in that territory, according to the Massachusetts system; the other half was placed at the disposal of our Missionary Committee, for the establishment and maintenance of Sunday Schools.

For this munificent donation from one of the members of a family which has long and warmly befriended our cause — and for the collections and donations above noted, we would here make our very grateful acknowledgments.

THEODORE W. SNOW.

Brookline, May 5, 1858.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :

Since the last session of the Convention, the undersigned has officiated in the following named Churches in the Diocese: Trinity, Grace, Christ, St. Mary's, St. Mark's, St. Matthew's, St. John's, Boston; St. Andrew's, Chelsea; St. James's, Roxbury; St. John's, Charlestown; and St. Paul's, Dedham, one or more Sundays each; in Messiah Church, Rhinebeck; and St. John's, Kingston, in the Diocese of New York; and in St. Luke's, Nashua; and in St. John's, Portsmouth, in the Diocese of New Hampshire; administered the Holy Communion on eight occasions; baptized two children, and officiated at one burial in the city of Boston. The baptisms have been duly reported.

He has likewise been engaged in the preparation, in the Latin and Greek classics, of a student for admission to the Theological Seminary.

All which is most respectfully submitted.

F. A. FOXCROFT.

Boston, May 3, 1858.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :

Since my ordination to the Diaconate, on the fifth Sunday in

Lent, 1857, I have officiated, — after a few weeks' service at St. John's, East Boston, — as Assistant Minister at St. Paul's Church, Boston.

During this time I have read prayers, either in full or in part, on one hundred and thirty-two occasions; I have preached fifty-one sermons; have assisted in the administration of the Holy Communion thirteen times; and have performed such other parochial duties as have been required.

WILLIAM STEVENS PERRY.

Watertown, May 5, 1858.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :

Duties connected with my School for Young Ladies have required the greater part of my time and attention, during the past year. I have assisted in conducting Divine Service on twenty occasions; have preached four times; baptized one adult and two infants.

DAVID GREENE HASKINS.

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D., }
Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts : }*

The undersigned would make the following report of services performed by him since his ordination to the Diaconate, on the festival of St. Barnabas, in June last :

From July, to December, 1857, he was engaged as Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, Bridgewater, where he discharged the various duties of the parish; organized a Sunday School; baptized twelve children; and officiated at the funeral of two persons.

From January, to April, 1858, he served as the Missionary at Danvers, until the Minister elect could enter upon his duties. Here he commenced a Sunday School, which, on leaving, numbered seven teachers and forty scholars; also, a Bible Class of ten interested members. On Easter Day he baptized two young men, who, during his ministrations, had given good evidence of their attachment to the Church, of their godly repentance, and of a living faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. They are now await-

ing Confirmation at the hands of the Bishop. On the first Sunday after Easter, it was his painful duty to bury a youthful and late interesting member of the Sunday School. The whole School attended the funeral, and an address was made to a large number of serious listeners. He had previously discharged a similar duty at the obsequies of an aged member of the Church, when he urged the persons present to "be also ready." Thus ended his labors in Danvers, where a congregation of some three hundred persons had been recently gathered to hear the words of life, and the exposition of that Faith once delivered to the Saints. Of miscellaneous services, he has assisted several of the clergy of the Diocese, and of Providence; has baptized one sick child; solemnized one marriage, and buried one person.

To recapitulate: he has delivered about 100 sermons and addresses; has celebrated 1 marriage; administered 15 baptisms, and attended 5 funerals.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD COWLEY.

Boston, May 4, 1858.

Abstract of Parochial Reports.

MAY, 1858.

Towns.	Churches.	Rectors.	Baptisms.			Communi- cants.			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sunday Scholars.	Contrib- utions.
			Infants.	Adults.	Total.	Added, or removed.	Present Number.	Number.					
Amesbury	St. James's	Vacant	21	5	26	5	5	50	4	2	8	50	8106 4
Auburndale	St. Paul's	N. G. Allen	11	1	12	7	19	7	2	2	33	19 1	
Andover	Christ	S. Fuller, D. D.	31	3	34	38	21	100	32	4	7	100	955 2
Ashfield	St. John's *	C. Cleveland	...	...	...	...	22	...	...	...	...	20	
	Trinity	M. Eastburn, D. D.	34	7	41	...	370	49	22	13	103	5176 2	
	Christ	W. T. Smith	50	...	50	32	28	102	18	39	36	78	227 6
	St. Matthew's	J. H. Clinch	76	5	81	23	12	88	17	21	60	501	51 0
	St. Paul's	A. H. Vinton, D. D.	34	10	44	50	17	353	46	8	18	215	7755 0
	Grace	C. Mason	34	2	36	30	37	200	21	14	17	125	1226 2
	Messiah	G. M. Randall, D. D.	39	5	44	107	51	317	49	21	40	202	433 4
Boston	St. John's	S. J. Evans	18	...	18	...	44	...	...	1	8	116	21 6
	Advent	H. Southgate, D. D.	56	15	71	64	20	458	40	16	45	112	9128 5
	St. Mark's	M. P. Stuckney	26	7	33	77	6	112	26	2	12	43	856 9
	St. Stephen's	E. M. P. Wells, D. D.	105	...	105	...	350	43	52	51	85	...	1150 0
	Seaman's Chapl.	E. A. Renouf	7	...	7	...	10	4	3	...	18	...	
	St. Mary's	J. P. Robinson	20	2	22	10	8	57	8	12	30	40	...
Bridgewater	Trinity*	Vacant	12	...	12	...	20	...	...	...	...	...
Brookline	St. Paul's	J. S. Stone, D. D.	12	...	12	...	90	7	2	4	60	14578 7	
Cambridge	Christ	N. Hoppin	35	3	38	26	12	163	19	7	90	60	124 2
	St. Peter's	W. P. Page	23	...	23	...	41	...	4	13	60	...	
Charlestown	St. John's	T. R. Lambert	86	10	96	...	205	27	16	24	200	353 0	
	St. Luke's	W. S. Bartlett	7	1	8	14	15	61	3	5	7	65	48 3
Chelsea	St. Andrew's	Geo. D. Wildes	3	...	3	...	24	...	3	2	34	...	
Chicopee	Grace	A. Croswell	8	...	8	...	26	...	1	...	25	9 0	
Clappville	Christ	J. H. Rouse	8	...	8	5	7	40	...	2	7	45	50 0
Dedham	St. Paul's	S. B. Babcock	6	...	6	...	115	...	3	8	73	60 0	
Dorchester	St. Mary's	E. L. Brown	8	...	8	16	6	90	3	2	80	278 8	
Full River	Ascension	E. M. Porter	56	1	57	12	14	95	6	18	43	225	3 5
Great Barrington	St. James's	G. L. Platt	16	...	16	11	14	120	7	9	16	60	80 2
Greenfield	St. James's*	W. Flint	...	...	...	...	62	...	...	...	40	...	
Hanover	St. Andrew's	S. Cutler	5	2	7	4	5	102	1	3	11	45	372 5
Haverhill	Trinity	W. C. Brown	13	5	18	18	...	38	6	6	5	60	...
Hopkinton	St. Paul's	A. L. Barry	2	...	2	1	25	...	2	1	...	11 3	
Lanesborough	St. Luke's	S. B. Shaw	7	2	9	8	72	2	3	13	70	100 0	
Lawrence	Grace	G. Packard	44	7	51	21	18	118	11	21	21	150	182 2
Lee	St. George's	G. T. Chapman, D. D.	3	4	7	17	...	28	13	...	9	12	...
Lenox	Trinity*	S. F. Parker	...	...	...	...	14	...	...	...	...	...
Lowell	St. Anne's	T. Edison, D. D.	157	21	178	92	47	406	103	39	81	400	580 4
Lynn	St. Stephen's	J. W. Hallam	9	...	9	8	60	11	4	6	50	20 0	
Marblehead	St. Michael's	J. B. Richmond	13	2	15	...	61	9	8	27	60	227 3	
Medford	Grace	J. Field	1	3	4	...	44	...	1	1	40	76 8	
Melrose	Trinity	W. H. Munroe	4	...	4	12	9	33	7	4	8	50	13 5
Millville	St. John's	A. B. Goodrich	16	...	16	9	26	56	6	4	13	83	92 0
Nantucket	St. Paul's*	N. Disbrow	...	...	...	...	30	...	...	...	14	...	
New Bedford	Grace	S. M. Rice	47	20	67	20	...	150	9	7	15	150	125 4
Newburyport	St. Paul's	W. Horton	26	8	34	...	130	12	8	24	153	444 3	
New Boston	St. Andrew's*	Vacant	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...
Newton	St. Mary's	H. Burroughs, Jr.	9	3	12	13	5	122	8	2	9	100	100 0
	Grace	J. S. C. Greene	13	...	13	28	15	63	12	...	5	87	314 0
North Adams	St. John's	B. F. De Costa	16	...	16	...	20	1	...	1	20	...	
Northampton	St. John's	O. S. Barten	29	4	33	...	146	...	4	4	64	181 2	
Otis	St. Paul's*	Vacant	...	...	...	...	27	...	...	...	...	...
Pawtucket	Trinity	J. S. Townsend	24	11	35	...	90	7	4	12	100	40 6	
Plymouth	Christ*	Vacant	...	...	...	...	27	...	...	...	14	...	
Pittsfield	St. Stephen's	W. H. N. Stewart	20	17	37	40	11	101	22	...	14	58	103 0
Quincy	Christ	G. M. Bradley	12	1	13	3	3	56	...	5	5	50	38 4
Roxbury	St. James's*	J. Wayland, D. D.	...	...	...	...	139	...	...	...	70	...	
	St. John's	W. R. Babcock	15	3	18	26	15	100	20	2	3	60	600 0
	St. Peter's	G. Leeds	32	8	40	20	20	240	14	9	21	140	759 7
Sandwich	St. John's*	Vacant	...	...	...	...	16	...	...	...	81	...	
Springfield	Christ	W. S. Child	36	20	56	...	34	196	17	21	30	189	307 5
Stockbridge	St. Paul's	J. A. Fenniman	13	10	23	14	4	61	10	1	4	20	28 2
Swansea	Christ	W. B. Colburn	1	...	1	7	1	16	1	1	1	30	11 8
Taunton	St. Thomas's	T. H. Vail	22	15	37	19	8	156	9	4	11	220	186 8
Van Dousenville	Trinity	L. Green	5	...	5	1	4	33	...	5	25	32 0	
Waltham	Christ	T. F. Fales	6	2	8	10	11	68	4	5	17	30	197 7
Wilkinsonville	St. John's	Vacant	...	...	...	3	5	72	1	3	10	50	34 6
Wood's Hole	Messiah	T. B. Flower	...	...	...	...	13	2	1	...	41	87 2	
Worcester	All Saints'	Vacant	23	1	24	22	33	88	2	4	7	70	124 8
House of Correc.		J. T. Burhill	6	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Navy Yard		M. B. Chase	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			1461	246	1707	900	553	7072	722	407	541	47907	26

* No Report.

† Number last reported.

DR. BOARD OF MISSIONS TO SEAMEN in account with B. C. CLARK, Treasurer. CR.

1857.	1858.
June 1. To balance of old Account,.....	\$26 86 Apr. 30. By amount received for Subscriptions and Col- lections,.....
1858. Apr. 30. To Amount of Disbursements, as per Book,...	1721 81 " By Balance due Treasurer,
1858.	\$1748 67
Apr. 30. To Balance,.....	\$458 49
Boston, April 30, 1857.	(E. E.)
	B. C. CLARK, Treasurer.

Appendix.

Right Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., President Board Missions to Seamen:

Enclosed please to find the Treasurer's account to this date. Balance due from the Mission, \$458.49. The demands of philanthropic enterprise and Christian benevolence have for many months been so numerous and so strong, that our collections for the past year have been in a greater degree than usual confined to those who are familiar with the Mission, and feel an interest in its labors.

No contributions have been received at the Chapel for several years. The Treasurer respectfully submits, that, in his judgment, the total absence of the Contribution-box is essential to the highest good of the Mission, and to the increasing regard which is entertained for its efforts. The writer is of course aware that there is a difference of opinion on this point. His convictions are the result of personal observation.

The Treasurer rejoices in his ability to say that during an intimate, practical acquaintance with the doings of this Mission, for about twelve years, he has never seen the moment at which wider or more salutary influences were exerted than those which have been witnessed under the able ministrations of the Rev. Mr. Lewis.

Most respectfully,

B. C. CLARK, Treas. B. M. S.

Boston, April 30, 1858.

Dr. CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS

1858.		
May 6.	Rev. J. H. Rouse, travel,	\$ 5 00
"	Rev. J. S. Townsend, travel,	3 50
"	Rev. Samuel B. Shaw, travel,	10 00
"	Rev. Lewis Green, travel,	10 00
"	Rev. G. Lewis Pratt, travel,	10 00
"	Rev. T. B. Flower, travel,	5 00
"	Rev. Andrew Croswell, travel,	6 00
"	Rev. W. B. Colburn, travel,	3 00
"	Rev. N. C. Disbrow, travel,	9 00
"	Rev. C. Cleveland, travel,	8 00
"	Rev. W. H. R. Stewart, travel,	8 00
"	R. Dillon, services,	7 00
June 7.	Treasurer's note,	96 93
11.	Bill for printing,	5 00
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		\$186 43
	Cash on deposit,	100 00
	Cash on demand,	100 00
	Cash on hand,	95 36
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		\$481 79

DELINQUENT PARISHES.

1857.

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.	St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport.
Trinity Church, Lenox.	St. Andrew's Church, New Boston.
St. Stephen's Church, Lynn.	

1858.

St. James's Church, Amesbury.	St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.
St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport.	Grace Church, Medford.
St. James's Church, Greenfield.	Trinity Church, Melrose.
St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton.	St. Andrew's Church, New Boston.
St. George's Church, Lee.	St. Mary's, Newton Lower Falls.
Trinity Church, Lenox.	St. John's Church, North Adams.
St. Stephen's Church, Lynn.	St. Paul's Church, Otis.

The Treasurer trusts he has made no mistake in the above, but seeing some few names, where better things could be hoped, he is fearful of unintentional error.

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in account with S. B. BABCOCK, Treasurer.

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1858.			
May 5.	Cash on hand,.....	2	29
"	St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge,.....	6	00
"	St. Luke's, Church Chelsea,.....	3	00
"	Trinity Church, Boston,.....	30	00
"	Advent Church, Boston,.....	20	00
"	Grace Church, Boston,.....	15	00
"	St. Mark's Church, Boston,.....	10	00
"	St. Paul's Church, Boston,.....	35	00
"	Church of the Messiah, Boston,.....	17	50
"	St. John's Church, East Boston,.....	5	00
"	St. Andrew's Church, Hanover,.....	8	00
"	St. Luke's Church Lanesboro',.....	6	00
"	St. Peter's Church, Salem,.....	15	00
"	St. Anne's Church, Lowell,.....	16	00
"	Grace Church, Lawrence,.....	10	00
"	St. John's Church, Millville,.....	6	00
"	St. Mary's Church, Dore ester,.....	10	00
"	St. John's Church, Charlestown,.....	12	00
"	St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain,.....	15	00
"	Church of Messiah Wood's Hole,.....	2	00
"	Christ Church, Swansey,.....	6	00
"	St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville,.....	4	00
"	Church of All Saints, Worcester,.....	8	00
"	St. Thomas Church, Taunton,.....	10	00
"	Christ Church Quincy.....	10	00
"	Christ Church, Andover,.....	7	00
"	Ascension Church, Fall River,.....	6	00
"	St. James's Church, Roxbury.....	10	00
"	St. Paul's Church, Newburyport,.....	8	00
May 6.	St. Paul's Church, Brookline,.....	20	00
"	St. Paul's Church, Dedham,.....	10	00
"	St. James's Church, Great Barrington,.....	10	00
"	St. John's Church, Ashfield,.....	3	00
"	Christ Church, Clappville,.....	5	00
"	Trinity Church, Bridgewater,.....	5	00
"	Grace Church, Newton Corner,.....	7	50
"	Trinity Church, Vandeusenville,.....	7	00
"	Christ Church, Cambridge,.....	10	00
"	St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield,.....	20	00
May 10.	Grace Church, New Bedford,.....	12	00
12.	Grace Church, Chicopee,.....	4	50
18.	St. John's Church Northampton,.....	5	00
20.	Christ Church, Springfield,.....	25	00
"	Christ Church, Waltham,.....	7	00
21.	Christ Church, Boston,.....	12	00
June 7	Trinity Church, Pawtucket,.....	6	00
		\$481.79	

SAMUEL B. BABCOCK, Treasurer.

DR. SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF WIDOWS AND ORPHANS

		Charity Fund.	Annuity Fund.
1857.			
Feb. 7.	For amonnt paid Mrs. Strong, of Greenfield amount voted for the quarter ending Jan. 1, 1857.....	15 00	.....
April 4.	For amount paid Mrs. Strong for the quarter ending April 1, 1857.....	15 00	.....
17.	For amount paid Mrs. M. L. Wiltburger, of Beverly, New Jersey, widow of the late C. W., of the Diocese of Mass.....	25 00	.....
"	For amount paid for a certificate of loan to the City of Boston at 5 per cent.....		1000 00
June 26.	For amount paid T. E. Marvin, bill printing.....	20 00	.....
"	For amount paid Charles Stimpson, bill binding.....	8 50	.....
July 22.	For amount paid Mrs. Strong.....	15 00	.....
October 1858.	For amount paid Mrs. Strong.....	15 00	.....
Jan. 2.	For amount paid Mrs. Strong.....	15 00	.....
April 1.	For amount paid Mrs. Strong.....	15 00	.....
18.	For amount paid Mrs. Strong (a special grant.).....	15 00	.....
May 4.	For amount paid for Collecting.....	2 00	.....
"	For amount paid for Postage.....	2 25	.....
		<u>\$157 75</u>	<u>\$1000 00</u>

Balance on hand, to new account..... \$947 18 \$229 19

Boston, May 4, 1857.

(Errors Excepted.)

Appendix.

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in account with ALFRED L. BAURY, Treasurer.

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1857.			Charity Fund.	Annuity Fund.
Jan. 20.	By amount on hand.....		\$694 09	\$120 87
21.	By amount received in Offertory at Convention		98 14	
Mch. 18.	do do from St. John's, Charlestown		40 00	
19.	do do St. John's, Wilkinsonville		6 00	
20.	do do St. Peter's, Salem		40 00	
April 1.	do do St. John's, East Boston		8 50	
Mch. 22.	do do St. Stephen's, Boston		13 60	
April 6.	do do R. J. Parvin, (subscription, 1857.) ..			15 00
"	do do St. James's, Amesbury		8 63	
7.	do do Dividends			270 00
12.	do do Christ Church, Waltham		15 00	25 00
14.	do do St. Anne's, Lowell			25 00
15.	do do Christ Church, Boston			10 00
"	do do St. Andrew's, Hanover			20 00
16.	do do Grace Church, Newton		16 00	
22.	do do St. James's, Great Barrington		12 00	
May 5.	do do St. Paul's, Boston		100 00	
9.	do do Rev. G. Packard, D. D.			25 00
11.	do do All Saints', Worcester		8 00	
June 13.	do do Rev. Dr. Eaton			10 00
26.	do do Church of the Advent, Boston		16 00	35 00
30.	do do Interest on City of Boston Scrip.			10 32
"	do do Church of Messiah, Boston		15 00	25 00
July 6.	do do Trinity Church, Vandusenville		8 60	
24.	do do Christ Church, Andover			10 00
1858.				
Jan. 7.	do do St. John's, Northampton		15 00	
22.	do do Rev. E. A. Renouf		2 00	
Mch. 2.	do do St. Anne's, Lowell		5 00	25 00
6.	do do Church of the Messiah		4 60	25 00
9.	do do St. John's, Millville		6 00	
29.	do do St. John's, East Boston		9 25	
April 8.	do do St. John's, Wilkinsonville		6 00	
"	do do All Saints', Worcester		3 00	
11.	do do Grace Church, Newton Corner		9 00	
"	do do Christ Church, Waltham			40 00
14.	do do St. Andrew's, Hanover			20 00
"	do do Dividends, City Loan			25 00
25.	do do Bank Dividends			508 50
"	do do Church of the Advent, Boston		19 82	35 00
May 4.	do do Annual Subscribers		28 00	
			\$1104 93	\$1289 19

A. L. BAURY, Treasurer.

The undersigned, as auditors, have examined the foregoing account, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched; and have seen the evidences of investments to the amount of Eleven Thousand and Twenty-three Dollars and Ninety-six One-hundredths of a Dollar of the Annuity Fund, and One Thousand Dollars of the Charity Fund.

FRED. H. STIMPSON,
JAMES C. MERRILL.

Boston, May 4, 1858.

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS,
Received by the Treasurer of the Board of Missions.

From whom received.	Diocesan.	Domestic.	Foreign.	Special.	Total.
<i>Andover</i> — Christ Church, -	\$61 10	..	..	..	61 10
<i>Amesbury</i> — St. James's, -	7 24	..	..	..	7 24
<i>Ashfield</i> — St. John's, -	17 50	..	..	..	17 50
<i>Auburndale</i> — St. Paul's, -	..	8 15	11 00	..	19 13
<i>Boston</i> — Advent, -	31 00	73 00	20 00	10 00	134 00
" — Christ, -	62 00	5 00	10 00	20 00	97 00
" — Grace, -	125 21	50 00	150 66	25 00	350 87
" — St. John's, -	21 86	2 56	9 00	..	33 42
" — St. Matthew's, -	30 00	11 00	10 00	10 00	61 00
" — Messiah, -	120 12	5 00	45 00	189 42	359 54
" — St. Paul's, -	1030 04	126 00	2141 14	810 00	4107 18
" — St. Stephen's, -	35 00	..	..	10 00	45 00
" — Trinity, -	543 80	205 62	388 88	31 66	1169 96
<i>Bridgewater</i> — Trinity, -	..	..	..	10 00	92 00
<i>Brookline</i> — St. Paul's, -	82 00	..	..	..	9 00
<i>Chicopee</i> — Grace, -	9 00	..	..	..	112 83
<i>Cambridge</i> — Christ, -	82 82	30 00	..	..	..
<i>Cambridgeport</i> — St. Peter's, -	..	36 00	..	..	121 00
<i>Charlestown</i> — St. John's, -	85 00	6 80	4 31	..	11 11
<i>Chelsea</i> — St. Luke's, -	..	..	..	7 21	7 21
<i>Clappville</i> — Christ, -	10 00	..	..	..	10 00
<i>Dedham</i> — St. Paul's, -	75 46	22 00	22 00	10 00	129 46
<i>Dorchester</i> — St. Mary's, -	1 40	2 09	2 43	5 00	10 52
<i>Fall River</i> — Ascension, -	20 93	..	..	..	20 93
<i>Great Barrington</i> — St. James's, -	..	..	..	..	26 30
<i>Greenfield</i> — St. James's, -	26 20	..	..	..	172 50
<i>Haverhill</i> — Trinity, -	36 83	40 00	95 67	..	11 30
<i>Hanover</i> — St. Andrew's, -	..	5 65	5 65	..	320 30
<i>Hopkinton</i> — St. Paul's, -	170 30	75 00	75 00	..	39 00
<i>Jamaica Plain</i> — St. John's, -	21 0	10 00	8 00	..	68 87
<i>Lanesboro'</i> — St. Luke's, -	45 87	..	..	23 00	20 00
<i>Lawrence</i> — Grace, -	20 00	..	..	..	203 00
<i>Lenox</i> — Trinity, -	188 00	10 00	..	5 00	10 00
<i>Lowell</i> — St. Anne's, -	10 00	..	..	10 00	10 00
<i>Lynn</i> — St. Stephen's, -	..	..	..	..	31 88
<i>Mashicad</i> — St. Michael's, -	16 88	..	15 00	..	10 00
<i>Medford</i> — Grace, -	..	..	..	10 00	8 55
<i>Milville</i> — St. John's, -	8 55	..	..	..	1 00
<i>Melrose</i> — St. Luke's, -	1 00	..	..	..	9 37
<i>Nantucket</i> — St. Paul's, -	9 37	..	..	..	182 60
<i>New Bedford</i> — Grace, -	79 60	12 00	54 00	37 00	91 20
<i>Newton Corner</i> — Grace, -	18 20	..	50 00	23 00	..
<i>Newburyport</i> — St. Paul's, -	..	..	..	..	55 00
<i>New Boston</i> — St. Andrew's, -	50 00	..	..	5 00	..
<i>Newton L. Falls</i> — St. Mary's, -	..	..	..	..	15 00
<i>Northampton</i> — St. John's, -	15 00	..	..	..	..
<i>Otis</i> — St. Paul's, -	..	..	..	..	79 40
<i>Panthers</i> — Trinity, -	..	..	..	..	71 00
<i>Plymouth</i> — Christ, -	36 67	15 58	..	27 15	147 36
<i>Pittsfield</i> — St. Stephen's, -	20 00	50 00	..	1 00	501 43
<i>Quincy</i> — Christ, -	17 75	89 01	40 60	..	1 50
<i>Roxbury</i> — St. James's, -	223 58	145 33	132 57	..	75 00
<i>Salem</i> — St. Peter's, -	..	..	..	1 50	14 29
<i>Sandwich</i> — St. John's, -	75 00	..	..	..	8 28
<i>Springfield</i> — Christ, -	14 29	..	..	..	15 00
<i>Stockbridge</i> — St. Paul's, -	6 28	..	..	2 00	27 00
<i>Swansea</i> — Christ, -	5 00	..	..	10 00	203 00
<i>Taunton</i> — St. Thomas's, -	10 00	7 50	7 50	2 00	23 15
<i>Van Deusenville</i> — Trinity, -	85 00	14 00	104 00	..	87 27
<i>Walham</i> — Christ, -	6 60	7 77	7 78	..	17 00
<i>Wilkinsonville</i> — St. John's, -	43 64	19 17	24 46	..	58 67
<i>Wood's Hole</i> — Messiah, -	17 00	..	..	..	36 00
<i>Worcester</i> — All Saints', -	58 67	..	..	..	..
<i>Collection after ann'l sermon,</i>	5 00	16 00	15 00	..	..
<i>From individuals,</i>	..	..	..	..	..
	3564 66	1374 65	3436 85	3011 44	10389 51

Dr. MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MISSIONS, in account with GEO. M. RANDALL, Treasurer. Cr.

1858. May.			1858. May.	
St. John's Church, East Boston,.....	\$167 50		By cash received, from sundry sources sub- ject to the appropriation of the Board,...	\$2156 56
Williamstown;.....	232 66			
Messiah, Wood's Hole,.....	200 00			
Trinity, Van Dusenville,.....	125 00			
Christ, Swansea,.....	100 00			
St. Peter's, Cambridgeport,.....	100 00			
Grace, Newton Corner,.....	300 00			
Trinity, Pawtucket,.....	50 00			
St. Paul's, Nantucket,.....	50 00			
St. Paul's, Stockbridge,.....	125 00			
St. John's, Ashfield,.....	125 00			
St. George's, Lee,.....	100 00			
Trinity, Bridgewater,.....	25 00			
Trinity, Lenox,.....	50 00			
Grace, Chicopee,.....	84 00			
St. Paul's, Otis,	50 00			
Printing, postage, stationery, &c.,...	64 39			
	<u>\$1960 55</u>			
Cash on hand,.....	.....		
				<u>\$2156 56</u>
				<u>\$2156 56</u>

Boston, May 2, 1858.

(Errors Excepted.)

GEORGE M. RANDALL, Treasurer.

Constitution
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE
DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
AS AMENDED
IN CONVENTION, JUNE, 1841, 1846, MAY, 1852, AND JAN. 1856.

ARTICLE I.

THIS Church, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, accedes to the General Constitution of that Church, and acknowledges its authority.

ARTICLE II.

There shall be a stated Convention of the Church in this Diocese, at Boston, on the second Wednesday in June, in every year, unless a different time and place be fixed on by a preceding Convention. Special meetings of the Convention shall be called by the Bishop, when, in his judgment, the good of the Church may require it, or when the Standing Committee shall request it. And when the Episcopal Chair is vacant, the Standing Committee shall have power to call such Convention. Provided, always, that no business shall be done at any special Convention, other than is specified in the notice calling such Convention.

ARTICLE III.

The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen.

The Bishop and the assistant Bishop, when there is one, shall have a seat and a vote in the Convention. Every other clergyman of the Church of whatever order, being a settled minister,

or regularly officiating in some parish within this Diocese; or being a President, Professor, Tutor or Instructor in some College or Seminary of learning, and performing clerical functions; or being a Missionary under the direction of the ecclesiastical authority of this Diocese, or a Chaplain in the army or navy of the United States, or in any benevolent or other public institution, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, if he have been actually as well as canonically resident within this Diocese, for the space of six calendar months next before the meeting of the Convention, and has, for the same period, been employed in performing the duties of his station, or have been canonically instituted. Provided, however, that no clergyman otherwise entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, shall, by reason of advanced years, or infirm health, or temporary absence, be divested of such privilege.

Every parish in this Diocese, in union with this Convention, shall be entitled to send to the Convention a lay delegate, or delegates, not exceeding three, a certificate of whose appointment, signed by the Wardens or Parish Clerk, shall, before his or their admission to a seat, be laid before the Convention. Provided, that no person shall be competent to serve as a lay delegate unless he be a stated worshipper in the parish which he represents. The delegation from each parish shall be entitled on a division, by orders, to but one vote.

ARTICLE IV.

New parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention, on motion, by a majority of votes, provided they shall have laid before the Convention written evidence, subscribed by the Wardens and Vestry, that they have been duly organized for the space of one year, and during that time have held regular public services, and accede to the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

ARTICLE V.

The Bishop of this Diocese shall preside in the Convention. But in case of vacancy, or necessary absence, the members shall elect a president from among the clergy.

ARTICLE VI.

A Secretary shall be chosen upon the assembling of the Annual Convention, from among the members thereof, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Convention.

ARTICLE VII.

The members of the Convention present on due notification, and duly organized, shall constitute a quorum to transact the ordinary business of the Convention. The clergy and lay delegates shall deliberate as one body, and vote as such, except when a division is called for by three clerical members, or by the lay delegations from three parishes represented in the Convention; in which case a concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to carry any measure. All elections shall be by ballot, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

ARTICLE VIII.

There shall be a Standing Committee, to consist of six members; three clergymen and three laymen. They shall keep regular minutes of their proceedings, and shall report the same annually to the Convention. A majority shall be a quorum.

ARTICLE IX.

This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any article, except at the annual meeting of the Convention; nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed at least one annual meeting previous to its adoption.

Canon of 1828,

AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1849.

Respecting Contingent Expenses.

It shall be the duty of every parish in this State, after the first day of January, 1829, to raise and send to the Treasurer of the Convention, to defray the contingent expenses of the Church in this Diocese, a sum of money annually, which shall be as much as *one per centum* on the salary of its minister; and those parishes which are destitute of a clergyman, and which are represented by lay delegates in the Convention, shall pay at least five dollars annually, or send a certified copy of a vote that they are unable to pay the same; and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to certify in his annual report what parishes have neglected to comply with the requisitions of this canon. The money thus raised and paid into the treasury of the Convention, shall be subject to appropriation by a majority of the votes of the Standing Committee, or of such committee as shall be appointed by the Convention; and the following appropriations shall always be deemed proper, namely: to pay the travelling expenses of the Bishop of this Convention; to pay the travelling expenses of such clerical members of the Convention as cannot afford to pay the same, not exceeding ten dollars to any clergyman in one year; to pay the travelling expenses of the clerical delegates to the General Triennial Convention, not exceeding twenty-five dollars to each clerical delegate; to pay to the delegates of the Church in this Diocese to the General Convention, such sums as shall enable them to pay the quota assessed on the several Churches in this Diocese by each General Convention, for the contingent expenses thereof; and to pay for publishing the Journals of this Convention, and such other publications as shall be published by order of this Convention; and every parish shall be entitled to five copies, at least, of every publication printed by order of the Convention.

But no clergyman shall be entitled to any appropriation from the Contingent Fund, unless the parish of which he is the minister shall have paid its annual quota of *one per centum*, or send a certified copy of a vote that it is unable to pay the same. Neither shall any parish, thus neglecting to comply with the requisitions of the Canon, receive more than five copies of the Journal.

Canon of 1844.*Respecting the increase of the Episcopal Fund.*

In every parish in this Diocese, a collection shall be annually made on Trinity Sunday, and paid over to the Treasurer of the Trustees of Donations of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, to be added to the permanent fund for the support of the Bishop of this Diocese; and the said Treasurer shall report annually to this Convention, the amount by him received from each parish.

Canons of 1846,

AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1852.

I.

Of proceedings in the case of a Minister, not being a Bishop, accused by public rumor or otherwise of offences for which he may be tried.

SECT. 1. The mode of presentment and trial of a Minister, for any offence for which, by the laws of the General Convention or of this Diocese, he is or may be liable to be tried, shall be as follows :

Information of his offence shall first be given in writing to the Standing Committee, which information, any member of this Church is hereby declared competent to give. The Standing Committee shall thereupon proceed to a preliminary consideration of the case; and in their discretion, if they see fit, may make a formal presentment of the offence to the Bishop.

Such presentment shall be made in writing, addressed to the Bishop, stating the charges made against the accused, with specifications as to time, place, and circumstances; and any of the specifications in said presentment may be amended from time to time by the Judge Advocate, as the Court may order; and in case there shall be no Bishop, or in case the Bishop shall be implicated in the offence, or shall be related to the accused by consanguinity or affinity, the Standing Committee shall then

request the Bishop of some other Diocese to receive the presentment, who, upon the application of the Standing Committee, may proceed in the case, and exercise the same powers as belong, or are granted, to the Bishop of the Diocese.

SECT. 2. Any Minister of this Diocese, not being a Bishop, accused by public rumor or otherwise, of any offence or offences for which he may be tried as aforesaid, may, for himself, request the Standing Committee to institute such examination and inquiry respecting the truth of the charges against him; and, in such case, it shall be the duty of the Standing Committee to institute such examination and inquiry, and to proceed in like manner, as is provided in section first of the Canon.

II.

Of the trial of a Clergyman, not being a Bishop.

SECT. 1. Upon such presentment being made by the Standing Committee, as is provided in the foregoing Canon, the Bishop shall, as soon as may be, cause a copy of such presentment to be served on the accused, and shall also nominate nine Presbyters of the Diocese, entitled to seats in the Convention, and not being parties to the presentment, nor witnesses in the case, and shall cause a list of their names to be served on the accused, who shall, within thirty days after such service, select five of them, and notify their names in writing to the Bishop; and if he shall not give such notification to the Bishop within said thirty days, the Bishop shall then select five, and the Presbyters so selected shall form an Ecclesiastical Court for the trial of the accused.

SECT. 2. The Court, thus constituted, shall meet at such time and place within the Diocese, as the Bishop shall direct, and shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, within the Diocese, as they shall deem necessary; and the Bishop shall cause a written notice of the time and place of the first meeting of the said Court to be served at least thirty days before the time of meeting, on the accused, and also on the Secretary of the Standing Committee.

SECT. 3. If, at the time appointed for the first meeting of the said Court, the whole number of five shall not attend, those who

do attend, may adjourn from time to time ; or being not less than three in number, they shall have the right to proceed, in case they shall see fit, to a hearing and trial of the case ; and their decision, if unanimous, shall be as binding as if the whole Court had been present ; but in case their decision shall not be unanimous, the Bishop shall, at the request of the accused, or of the Standing Committee, order a new trial.

SECT. 4. If a clergyman presented shall confess the truth of the facts alleged in the presentment, the Court shall, in writing, certify the same to the Bishop, and state their opinion as to the sentence that ought to be pronounced ; and it shall be the duty of the Bishop to proceed to pass sentence, in the manner hereinafter provided. And if a clergyman presented as aforesaid, after having had due notice, shall fail or neglect to appear before the Court of Presbyters appointed for his trial, unless prevented by sickness or other sufficient cause, he shall be suspended from the exercise of his clerical functions for the term of six months ; and if during that period, he shall not apply for a trial, he shall then be degraded from the ministry.

SECT. 5. When the Court proceed to the trial, they shall hear such competent evidence as shall be produced, which evidence shall be reduced to writing, and signed by the witnesses respectively ; and some officer authorized by law to administer oaths, may, at the desire of either party, be requested to administer an oath or affirmation to the witnesses. If, on or during the trial, the accused shall confess the truth of the charges as stated in the presentment, the Court may dispense with hearing further evidence, and may proceed at once to state their opinion to the Bishop as to the sentence that ought to be pronounced.

SECT. 6. Upon the application of either party to the Bishop, and it being made satisfactorily to appear to him, that any material witnesses cannot be procured upon the trial, the Bishop may appoint a Commissary to take the testimony of such witnesses. Such Commissary may be either a clergyman or a layman, and the party so applying, shall give to the other at least *six days'* notice of the time and place of taking the testimony. And if the person on whom the notice shall be served, shall reside more

than forty miles from the place of examination, an additional day's notice shall be given for every additional twenty miles of the said distance. And both parties may attend and examine the witness, and the questions and answers shall be reduced to writing and signed by the witness, and shall be certified by the Commissary, and enclosed under his seal, and transmitted to the Court, and shall be received by them as evidence. A witness examined before such Commissary may be sworn or affirmed in manner aforesaid.

SECT. 7. The Court, having deliberately considered the evidence, shall declare in a writing signed by them, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether the accused is guilty or not guilty of such charges respectively, and also stating the sentence which, in their opinion, should be pronounced; and a copy of such decision shall be, without delay, communicated to the accused; and the original decision, together with the evidence, shall be delivered to the Bishop, who shall pronounce such canonical sentence as shall appear to him to be proper, provided the same shall not exceed in severity the sentence recommended by the Court; and such sentence shall be final. Before pronouncing any sentence, the Bishop shall summon the accused, and any three or more Presbyters of the Diocese, to meet him at such time as may in his opinion be most convenient, in some church to be designated by him, which shall for that purpose be open at the time to all persons who may choose to attend; and the sentence shall then and there be publicly pronounced by the Bishop. But the Bishop, if he shall be satisfied that justice requires it, may grant a new trial to the accused, in which case a new Court of Presbyters shall be appointed, the proceedings before whom shall be conducted as before mentioned.

SECT. 8. All citations and notices contemplated in this Canon shall be signed by the Bishop, and may be served by a summoner or summoners, to be appointed for the purpose by the Bishop, and whose certificate of such service shall be evidence thereof. In case of service by any other person, the fact shall be proved by the affidavit of such person. A written citation or notice de-

livered to a party, or left at his last place of residence, shall be deemed a sufficient service of such citation or notice.

SECT. 9. Advocates or Proctors shall be allowed on both sides, at the pleasure of the parties, provided they are clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese, or laymen who have been communicants of some parish of the same, at least two years before the time of trial.

Canon of 1846.

Of Communicants.

Whenever the Bishop shall institute an inquiry on the subject of repelling a person from the Holy Communion, according to the rubrics and the canons of the General Convention, he shall summon a council of two presbyters and two laymen, of which he shall be president, to decide upon the case.

Canon of 1847,

AS AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1848.

Of Elections.

The deputies to the General Convention from this Diocese shall be chosen at the meeting of this Convention holden in each year of the stated meeting of the General Convention; who shall continue in office until the meeting of this Convention, next preceding the stated meeting of the General Convention, on the third year next after their election, and until others shall be chosen in their place.

Any vacancy occurring in the delegation shall be filled at the next ensuing meeting of this Convention; and appointments for the interval may be made by the Standing Committee, at a meeting specially convened for that purpose.

Canon of 1858.

Of the Appointment of a Diocesan Registrar.

SECT. 1. A Registrar shall be elected by this Convention, whose duty it shall be to procure such papers, files, reports, jour-

nals, records and other documents, relative to the history of the Church in this Diocese, as are now, or may hereafter become, the property of this Convention, and preserve the same in some safe and accessible place of deposit; and to hold the same under such regulations and restrictions, as this Convention may from time to time provide.

SECT. 2. Said Registrar shall hold his office for one year, or until another be appointed in his place.

EXTRACT FROM THE

Canon of the General Convention of 1853.

Of the mode of securing an accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time.

SECTION I. As a full and accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time, is highly useful and necessary, it is hereby ordered that every Minister of this Church, or, if the Parish be vacant, the Wardens, shall present, or cause to be delivered, on or before the first day of every annual Convention, to the Bishop of the Diocese, or, where there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and funerals, and of the number of communicants in his parish or Church, also, the state and condition of the Sunday Schools in his Parish, also of the amount of the communion alms, the contributions for Missions, diocesan, domestic, and foreign, for parochial schools, for Church purposes in general, and of all other matters that may throw light on the state of the same. And every other Clergyman not regularly settled in any Parish or Church, shall also report the occasional services he may have performed; and, if he have performed no such services, the causes or reasons which have prevented the same. And these reports, or such parts of them as the Bishop shall think fit, may be read in the Convention, and shall be entered on the journals thereof.

Rules of Order.

RULE I. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.

No member shall absent himself from the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house ; nor more than once, until others desiring to speak shall have spoken.

While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

Every member who shall be in the house, when any question is put, shall vote, unless he be personally interested in the question, or shall be excused by the Convention for reasons assigned.

RULE II. No motion shall be considered as before the Convention, unless seconded by a member not belonging to the same parish with the mover ; and every motion, when required by any member, shall be reduced to writing.

RULE III. When the report of a committee is presented, it shall be read and entered on the minutes, unless otherwise determined by the house ; and, if accompanied by resolutions, the question shall be on adopting them.

RULE IV. When a question is before the Convention, it shall be in order—

1. To lay on the table ;
2. To postpone to a day certain ;
3. To commit ;
4. To amend ;
5. To postpone indefinitely ;

and a motion for any one of these proceedings may be considered as having precedence in the order in which they are here named ; and a question on any of these proceedings shall be decided before the original motion.

RULE V. An address or communication from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.

RULE VI. Any member may call for the division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

RULE VII. The question of adjournment shall always be in order; and that, together with a motion to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.

RULE VIII. When votes by orders are taken, they shall be entered on the minutes.

RULE IX. On all questions of order, the President shall decide, subject to an appeal to the house.

RULE X. A question, being decided, shall not be reconsidered during the same session, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present, nor unless the motion to reconsider be made and seconded by members who voted in the majority on the original decision.



LIST OF THE CLERGY
OF THE
Diocese of Massachusetts.

MAY, A. D. 1858.

- The Right Rev. MANTON EASTBURN, D.D., Bishop
of the Diocese, and Rector of Trinity Church, Boston.
- The Rev. HENRY W. ADAMS, residing in New York.
- The Rev. NATHANIEL G. ALLEN, Rector of St. Paul's
Church, Auburndale.
- The Rev. WILLIAM R. BABCOCK, Rector of St. John's
Church, Jamaica Plain.
- The Rev. SAMUEL B. BABCOCK, Rector of St. Paul's
Church, Dedham, and Treasurer of the Convention.
- The Rev. OTTO SIEVERS BARTEN, Rector of St. John's
Church, Northampton.
- The Rev. WILLIAM S. BARTLET, Rector of St. Luke's
Church, Chelsea.
- The Rev. ALFRED L. BAURY, Rector of St. Paul's Church,
Hopkinton, residing in Boston.
- The Rev. GORDON M. BRADLEY, Rector of Christ Church,
Quincy.
- The Rev. JOHN T. BURRILL, Chaplain of the House of
Correction, South Boston.
- The Rev. HENRY BURROUGHS, Jr., residing in Boston, and
officiating at St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower
Falls.

- The Rev. GEORGE T. CHAPMAN, D.D., Minister of St. George's Church, Lee.
- The Rev. MOSES B. CHASE, Chaplain in the United States' Navy, Navy Yard, Charlestown.
- The Rev. ROBERT F. CHASE, Rector of Calvary Church, Danvers.
- The Rev. WILLIAM S. CHILD, Rector of Christ Church, Springfield.
- The Rev. CHARLES CLEVELAND, Rector of St. John's Church, Ashfield.
- The Rev. JOSEPH H. CLINCH, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, South Boston, and Secretary of the Convention.
- The Rev. WILLIAM B. COLBURN, Rector of Christ Church, Swansea.
- The Rev. EDWARD COWLEY, Deacon.
- The Rev. ANDREW CROSWELL, Rector of Grace Church, Chicopee.
- The Rev. SAMUEL CUTLER, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.
- The Rev. BENJAMIN F. DECOSTA, Rector of St. John's Church, North Adams.
- The Rev. NOAH DISBROW, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Nantucket.
- The Rev. EDWARD L. DROWN, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Dorchester.
- The Rev. SAMUEL J. EVANS, Rector of St. John's Church, East Boston.
- The Rev. THEODORE EDSON, D. D., Rector of St. Anne's Church, Lowell.
- The Rev. THOMAS F. FALES, Rector of Christ Church, Waltham.
- The Rev. JUSTIN FIELD, Rector of Grace Church, Medford.
- The Rev. WILLIAM FLINT, Rector of St. James's Church, Greenfield.

- The Rev. THOMAS B. FLOWER**, Rector of the Church of the Messiah, Wood's Hole.
- The Rev. FRANCIS A. FOXCROFT**, residing in Boston.
- The Rev. SAMUEL FULLER, D. D.**, Rector of Christ Church, Andover.
- The Rev. LEWIS GREEN**, Rector of Trinity Church, Van Deusenville.
- The Rev. J. S. COPLEY GREENE**, Rector of Grace Church, Newton Corner.
- The Rev. ALFRED B. GOODRICH**, Rector of St. John's Church, Millville.
- The Rev. ISAAC W. HALLAM**, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Lynn.
- The Rev. DAVID G. HASKINS**, Principal of a School for Young Ladies, Boston.
- The Rev. NICHOLAS HOPPIN**, Rector of Christ Church, Cambridge.
- The Rev. WILLIAM HORTON**, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.
- The Rev. JOHN IRWIN**, Chaplain of the Board of Missions to Seamen, Boston.
- The Rev. WILLIAM A. JENKS.**
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- The Rev. GEORGE D. WILDES**, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Chelsea.

[Total, 77.]

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Notice.

The Sixty-ninth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Massachusetts, will be holden in Trinity Church, Boston, on the first Wednesday (the 4th) of May 1859, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

JOSEPH H. CLINCH,

Secretary of the Convention.

South Boston, May, 1858.

Form of Certificate for Lay Delegates.

(Authorized by vote of Convention of 1849.)

[Name of town] ——— A. D. 18—.

This is to certify, that at a regular meeting of the Parish of ——— Church, ———, held on the ——— day of ———, 18—, the following persons, viz:

Messrs. _____,
_____,
_____.

were duly elected lay delegates to represent this Parish to the next Diocesan Convention, to be held in ——— Church, ———, on the ——— day of ———, A. D. 18—, and that they are stated worshippers in this Parish.

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Diocese of Massachusetts.

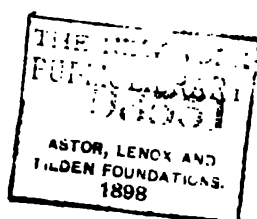
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*Boston, May 4, 1859. }
Trinity Church. }*

THIS being the time and place appointed for the meeting of the annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Massachusetts, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, with several of the Clergy and Lay Delegates, assembled in Trinity Church, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Thomas H. Vail, D. D., Rector of St. Thomas's Church, Taunton. The Ante-Communion Service was read by the Bishop, assisted in the Epistle by the Rev. Isaac W. Hallam, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Lynn.

The Bishop then delivered a Charge to the assembled Clergy,

After which, at the Offertory, which was read by the Rev. Isaac W. Hallam, a collection was made, in aid of the funds of the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen of the Diocese. The Holy Communion was then administered to the Clergy, and to several of the Laity, by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Isaac W. Hallam.

The congregation having retired, the Chair was taken by the Bishop, and the following list of Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention, was called over by the Secretary :—

The Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D.	
The Rev. Nathan'l G. Allen,	The Rev. John Irwin,
" S. B. Babcock,	" Cyrus F. Knight,
" Wm. R. Babcock,	" Tho's R. Lambert,
" Wm. S. Bartlet,	" George Leeds,
" Alfred L. Baury,	" <i>C. Mason, D. D.</i> ,
" John T. Burrill,	" Wm. H. Munroe,
" Henry Burroughs, Jr.,	" George Packard,
" <i>Geo. T. Chapman, D.D.</i> ,	" Wm. P. Page,
" Moses B. Chase,	" <i>Samuel P. Parker,</i>
" Robert F. Chase,	" <i>Jesse A. Penniman,</i>
" William S. Child,	" Emery M. Porter,
" <i>Charles Cleveland,</i>	" <i>G.M. Randall, D.D.</i>
" Joseph H. Clinch,	" Edw'd A. Renouf,
" William B. Colburn,	" Spencer M. Rice,
" Andrew Crosswell,	" C. A. L. Richards,
" Samuel Cutler,	" John B. Richmond,
" Benjamin F. DeCosta,	" John P. Robinson,
" Noah Disbrow,	" John H. Rouse,
" Edward L. Drown,	" Ch's H. Seymour,
" Samuel J. Evans,	" S. Brenton Shaw,
" Theo. Edson, D. D.,	" <i>G.C. Shepard, D.D.</i>
" Thomas F. Fales,	" Edmund F. Slafter,
" Justin Field,	" John Cotton Smith,
" Thomas B. Flower,	" W. T. Smithett,
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" Sam'l Fuller, D.D.,	" W. H. N. Stewart,
" Lewis Green,	" Moses P. Stickney,
" J. S. Copley Greene,	" J. S. Stone, D. D.,
" <i>Alfred B. Goodrich,</i>	" Julius S. Townsend,
" Isaac W. Hallam,	" T. H. Vail, D. D.,
" David G. Haskins,	" E. M. P. Wells, D.D.
" Nicholas Hoppin,	" <i>George D. Wildes.</i>
" Wm. Horton, D. D.,	

Who, with the exception of those whose names are printed in *italics*, appeared and took their seats.

The names of the Rev. John Wayland, D. D., and the Rev. Gordon M. Bradley, were subsequently added to this list, by a vote of the Convention.

The Secretary then called over the names of the Parishes in union with the Convention, when the Lay Delegates handed in the Certificates of their election. The names of the Lay Delegates were then called, the members present answering to their names. Those who were not present during some portion of the Session are *italicized*.

St. James's Church, Amesbury. *Albert F. Bradbury*, John Kimball, *James Standing*.

St. Paul's Church, Auburndale.

Christ Church, Andover. Francis Cogswell, *G. K. W. Gallishan*, Samuel Gray.

St. John's Church, Ashfield. *Moses Cook*, Allen Phillips.

Trinity Church, Boston. Benjamin P. Richardson, Edward Blake, Benj. C. Clark.

Christ Church, Boston. J. R. Haslem, W. A. Berry, W. A. Crockett.

St. Matthew's Church, South Boston. David Clapp, *Samuel H. Jenks*, Edward H. Brainard.

St. Paul's Church, Boston. Benj. F. Hallett, George M. Browne, George H. Lyman.

Grace Church, Boston. Richard Girdler, Wm. W. Morland, James Perkins.

Church of the Messiah, Boston. John L. Whipple, Wm. Babson, Samuel H. Gregory.

St. John's Church, East Boston. William Munroe, Daniel Byron, *E. W. Smith*.

Church of the Advent, Boston. Richard H. Dana, Jr., Fytche Edward Oliver, William Edward Coale.

St. Mark's Church, Boston. S. Benton Thompson, Francis J. Parker, A. R. Glover.

Trinity Church, Bridgewater. John Edson, George S. Edson, Mark Edson.

St. Paul's Church, Brookline. James S. Amory, Elia-
kim Littell, Thomas Parsons.

Christ Church, Cambridge. Swain Winkley, Benjamin
Woodward, Henry M. Parker.

St. Peter's Church, Cambridge. Asa P. Morse, Francis
Dana, S. K. Palmer.

St. John's Church, Charlestown. P. Hubbell, J. C.
Tyler, F. W. Moores.

Grace Church, Chicopee. Otis Chapman, Josiah Whit-
ney, P. Le B. Stickney.

St. Luke's Church, Chelsea. Joseph Burland, Sebeus
C. Maine, John Follis.

Christ Church, Clappville. Charles Barnes, R. S.
Denny, Talmon Trask.

St. Paul's Church, Dedham. Ira Cleveland, William
Ames, Thomas L. Wakefield.

St. Mary's Church, Dorchester. J. P. Clapp, Charles
Stimpson, C. Ellery Stedman, M. D.

Ascension Church, Fall River. Walter C. Durfee.
Richard M. Sherman, Simeon C. Hill.

St. James's Church, Great Barrington.

St. James's Church, Greenfield. Thomas W. Ripley.
Henry W. Clapp, J. K. Hollister.

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover. George Curtis, *Ather-*
ton Tilden, Michael Robert Sylvester.

Trinity Church, Haverhill. William G. Howe, F. O.
Swan.

St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton. Joseph Burnett, M.
E. Whitney.

St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough. Edward A. Newton,
Stoddard Hubbell, William T. Filley.

Grace Church, Lawrence. Andrew D. Blanchard,
Lemuel A. Bishop, Joseph P. Battles.

St. George's Church, Le.

Trinity Church, Lenox.

St. Anne's Church, Lowell. William W. Wyman,
John A. Goodwin, *Thomas McDaniels.*

St. Stephen's Church, Lynn. Edward S. Davis, E. R.
Mudge, John Renton, M. D.

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead. Thomas Evans,
John Clothey, Andrew Lackey.

Grace Church, Medford.

Trinity Church, Melrose. James Knott, *Abel H. Coffin,* William H. Allen.

St. John's Church, Millville.

St. Paul's Church, Nantucket.

Grace Church, New Bedford. Edmund Rodman, Wm.
G. Blackler, Francis L. Porter.

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport. Edward S. Moseley,
Nathaniel Foster, David Wood.

St. Andrew's Church, New Boston.

St. Mary's Church, Newton. Thomas Rice, Jr., Wil-
liam Curtis, Amos Warren.

Grace Church, Newton. John Andrews, James E.
Butts, Jr., E. P. Bancroft.

St. John's Church, North Adams. R. N. Willian, H.
Cartwright, R. R. Andrews.

St. John's Church, Northampton.

St. Paul's Church, Otis.

Trinity Church, Pawtucket. Joseph Smith, Russel L.
Tupper.

Christ Church, Plymouth. Oliver T. Wood, Charles
Raymond, Harvey W. Weston.

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield. Timothy Childs, Geo.
S. Willis.

Christ Church, Quincy. A. F. Pollock, Ezra Walker,
Henry Hunt.

St. James's Church, Roxbury. Sanford M. Hunt,
Francis Hilliard, Charles McBurney.

St. John's Church, Roxbury. William C. Peters, D. B. Hager, Jonathan Amory.

St. Peter's Church, Salem. John Cleaves, John D. Lovett, Francis Peabody, Jr.

Christ Church, Springfield. E. D. Beach, John B. Stebbins, Geo. W. Winchester.

St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge. Paul S. Palmer, Daniel B. Fenn.

Christ Church, Swansea. George Austin, William H. Pearce, Preserved Gardner.

St. Thomas's Church, Taunton. Samuel L. Crocker, William Muenschner, Albert E. Swasey.

Trinity Church, Vandeusenville. John S. Stone, Michael Van Deusen.

Christ Church, Waltham. A. H. Ward, Jr., Joseph G. Moody, Samuel Cooper.

St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville. Seth Hartwell, N. B. Chase, S. F. Cooper.

Church of the Messiah, Wood's Hole. John L. Webster.

All Saints' Church, Worcester. Thomas Bottomly, H. K. Newcomb, Francis H. Dewey.

A quorum being present, the Convention proceeded to business.

On motion,

Resolved, That in the election of a Secretary, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. Joseph H. Clinch, the former Secretary, be re-elected.

On motion,

Resolved, That in the election of a Treasurer, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. Samuel B. Babcock, the former Treasurer, be re-elected.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be empowered to appoint an assistant.

The Rev. Samuel Cutler was nominated as Assistant-Treasurer, and was, on motion, confirmed.

On motion,

Resolved, That clergymen of this Church, not entitled to seats in the Convention, and Candidates for Holy Orders, be invited to be present at the sittings of this Body.

Whereupon, the following appeared, and took seats in the Convention :

The Rev. Heman Dyer, D.D., Diocese of New York.

" John Hubbard,	" New York.
" Samuel G. Appleton,	" New York.
" Edward Ballard,	" Maine.
" L. W. Bancroft,	" Rhode Island.
" Benjamin B. Babbitt,	" Rhode Island.
" Charles Wingate,	" Rhode Island.
" Henry McLory,	" Connecticut.
" W. Stevens Perry,	" New Hampshire.
" William A. Hitchcock,	" New Hampshire.
" E. B. Palmer,	" Michigan.
" Andrew Oliver,	" Vermont.
" S. Russel Jones,	" Massachusetts.
" William G. Hawkins,	" Massachusetts.
" J. I. T. Coolidge,	" Massachusetts.
" Francis Byrne,	" Jamaica, W. I.

Charles W. Morrill, Student in Theology, New York.

On motion,

Resolved, That the rules of order adopted at the last Convention, be adopted for the government of this Body.

On motion,

Resolved, That the usual Committees be appointed by the Chair.

The Chair accordingly announced the appointment of the following Committees :

Committee on Qualifications. Rev. William Horton, D. D., Rev. Lewis Green, Benjamin F. Hallett.

Committee on New Parishes. Rev. George Packard, Rev. Robert F. Chase, Thomas L. Wakefield.

Committee on Finance. Rev. Samuel Fuller, D. D., Edward A. Newton, Nathaniel Foster.

Executive Committee. Rev. Theodore W. Snow, Rev. S. Brenton Shaw, Rev. George D. Wildes.

Committee on Unfinished Business. Rev. Thomas R. Lambert, Eliakim Littell.

On motion,

Resolved, That Messrs. Edward S. Moseley and James S. Amory be a Committee to audit the Treasurer's account.

On motion,

Resolved, That when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn to 4 o'clock, this P. M.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Convention do now adjourn.

Adjourned.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Some additional certificates of Lay Delegates were handed in, and the Delegates took their seats in the Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Packard, from the Committee on New Parishes, made the following report :

The Committee on New Parishes beg leave to submit the following Report :

The Parish of Calvary Church, Danvers, and the Parish of St. Andrew's Church, Chelsea, have presented evidence that they have complied with the provisions of the fourth

article of the Constitution, and are therefore entitled to admission into union with this Convention.

The Parish of Grace Church, Salem, has presented written evidence of its organization, but not having been organized "for the space of one year," as the Constitution requires, it cannot be admitted at this Convention.

GEORGE PACKARD, *for Committee.*

Whereupon, on motion,

Resolved, That Calvary Church, Danvers, and St. Andrew's Church, Chelsea, be admitted into union with this Convention.

The Delegates from Calvary Church, Danvers, and St. Andrew's Church, Chelsea, took their seats in the Convention.

Calvary Church, Danvers. Joseph Adams, Ebenezer Gay, Jr., Charles H. Adams.

St. Andrew's Church, Chelsea. Stephen D. Massey, Charles A. Davis, M. D., E. F. Dana.

The Rev. William Horton, D. D., from the Committee on Qualifications, made the following report.

The Committee on Qualifications beg leave to report :

First, that the list of Clergy entitled to seats in this Convention furnished by the Bishop is correct, with the addition of the name of Rev. J. Wayland, D. D.

And also, that the certificates of the Lay Delegates of the several parishes are correct, except that of St. James's, Greenfield, and St. John's, Charlestown.

All which is respectfully submitted,

W. HORTON, *Chairman.*

Which, report, on motion, was accepted, and the Rev. Dr. Wayland was admitted to a seat in the Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. Gordon M. Bradley be admitted to a seat in this Convention.

The Bishop then delivered his Annual Address.

Annual Address :

MY BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY :—

Permitted, in the good providence of God, to meet you on this occasion of our annual Convention, I now beg your attention to the record of my official acts since we last assembled on this spot.

On the Sunday after the adjournment of the last Convention, the Fifth after Easter, May 9, I preached in the morning in St. Thomas's, Taunton ; in the afternoon examined the children of the parish in the Catechism ; and confirmed 50 persons in the evening.

On the Sunday after Ascension Day, May 16, I preached in the morning in Grace Church, New Bedford ; catechized the children in the afternoon ; and confirmed 44 in the evening.

On Tuesday, May 18, in the Church of the Ascension, Fall River, I catechised the children in the afternoon, and confirmed 21 persons in the evening.

On Wednesday, May 19, I preached in the afternoon, and catechised the children, in Christ Church, Swansea. The Rev. Mr. Colburn has resigned the charge of this parish, and has been officiating in Christ Church, Quincy, vacant by the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Bradley.

On Thursday, May 20, I confirmed 1 in the afternoon in Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

On Friday, May 21, in St. Andrew's, Hanover, I confirmed 1 in the afternoon. An evening service was held in the Lecture Room, and I delivered a brief address to the people assembled.

On Whitsunday, May 23, I confirmed 7 in the morning in

St. James's, Amesbury; of which parish the Rev. D. G. Estes, who has been received from the Diocese of Missouri, is now the Rector.

In the afternoon of the same day, I confirmed 28 in St. Paul's, Newburyport.

On Tuesday in Whitsun-Week, May 25, in St. Peter's, Salem, I catechized the children in the afternoon; and in the evening confirmed 16 persons, and also a sick parishioner at her own residence.

On Wednesday, May 26, I catechized the children in the afternoon in St. Michael's, Marblehead; and in the evening confirmed 20 persons.

On Thursday, May 27, I confirmed 12 in the evening in St. Stephen's, Lynn.

On Friday, May 28, in the afternoon, I had the pleasure of laying the corner stone of a building at Newton Corner, to be occupied as a temporary place of worship by the congregation of Grace Church. As soon as a parish church shall have been erected, this edifice will be used as a Sunday School room, and also as a place for holding week-day services. A large assemblage of clergymen and others, from Boston and other places, witnessed this solemn and interesting ceremony; which was followed by an Address by myself, and also by a few pertinent and impressive observations from the Rev. Mr. Fales, to whose labors, with those of the Rev. J. S. Copley Greene, now the Rector, this parish is in a great degree indebted for its present existence.

On Trinity Sunday, May 30, I confirmed 14 in the afternoon in St. Paul's, Brookline.

On Wednesday, June 2, I catechized the children in the afternoon in Trinity Church, Haverhill; and confirmed 12 in the evening. I also confirmed a sick parishioner in private

on the following morning. The Rev. W. C. Brown soon afterwards resigned the Rectorship of this parish, and removed to the Diocese of Rhode Island; and has been succeeded at Haverhill by the Rev. Charles H. Seymour, formerly Principal of the Punchard Free School at Andover.

On Thursday, June 3, I confirmed 46 in the evening in Grace Church, Lawrence; of whom 37 were parishioners of Grace Church, and the remaining 9 from Christ Church, Andover.

On the First Sunday after Trinity, June 6, I confirmed 10 in the afternoon in St. Mary's, Dorchester.

On Tuesday, June 8, I confirmed 26 in the evening in Trinity Church, Pawtucket, and also two sick parishioners in private houses. I have to acknowledge the active services of the Rector of this parish in Attleborough, the result of which has been the organization of a parish, by the name of Grace Church, in that town.

On the Second Sunday after Trinity, June 13, I confirmed 12 in the morning in the temporary place of worship of the congregation of Grace Church, Newton Corner; one of the persons confirmed being from the Church of the Advent, Boston:—and

In the afternoon of the same day, confirmed 16 in Christ Church, Waltham, including 1 from Grace Church, Newton Corner.

On Thursday, June 17, in presence of an unusually large number of the clergy, and of a full congregation, I had the pleasure of consecrating to the worship and service of God the new parish church of St. Paul's, Dedham. The promptness, perseverance, and unity, with which the members of this ancient parish have thus caused a substantial edifice to rise from the ruins of their former sanctuary, destroyed by the devouring flames, entitle them to our warmest gratitude and admiration.

The present structure is truly an ornament to the Diocese; and was erected at the cost of about \$25,000. It presents, in the interior, an appearance of combined solemnity and simplicity which immediately strikes the beholder. The architect is the same gentleman who designed the former building, Arthur Gilman, Esq., of this city. The chancel window, which is one of uncommon beauty, was, together with the other windows, the munificent gift of Ira Cleveland, Esq., one of the Church-Wardens; and the organ, a noble instrument made by the Messrs. Hook, was presented by the other Church-Warden, Joseph W. Clark, Esq. Many other generous gifts were made, by persons belonging to the parish, and by others; and I take occasion to record, with many thanks, the liberality of the Messrs. Bullard, of Dedham, who, though not connected with St. Paul's, gave the stone of which the church is built. May the divine blessing richly descend upon all concerned in this pious enterprise! In the face of a financial depression almost unexampled in the history of this country, the work was steadily carried through; and I trust that, by God's good providence, the means will soon be found of completing the exterior of the building by the erection of the contemplated tower and spire.

On the Third Sunday after Trinity, June 20, I preached in the morning in St. John's, Northampton; in the afternoon catechized the children; and confirmed 25 in the evening. The Rev. Mr. Barten has resigned the charge of this parish, and removed to Virginia; and St. John's has been served since his departure by the Rev. W. H. Trapnell, who has been received from the Diocese of New York.

On Monday, June 21, I confirmed 42 in the evening in Christ Church, Springfield, and also two sick parishioners at their residence.

On Tuesday, June 22, I confirmed 5 in the evening in Grace Church, Chicopee.

St. John Baptist's Day, June 24, I confirmed 15 in the afternoon in St. James's, Greenfield.

On the Fourth Sunday after Trinity, June 27, I confirmed 14 in the afternoon in St. Paul's, Dedham.

On the Fifth Sunday after Trinity, July 4, I confirmed 12 in the afternoon in St. Peter's, Cambridgeport. I am happy to record the prosperous condition of this parish at the present time.

On the Sixth Sunday after Trinity, July 11, I confirmed 10 in the afternoon in the temporary place of worship used by the congregation of Trinity Church, Melrose; and

In the evening of the same day, confirmed 12 in the Church of the Messiah, Boston.

On the Seventh Sunday after Trinity, July 18, I confirmed 8 in the morning in the Church of the Messiah, Wood's Hole; and in the afternoon preached a second time, and catechized the children. In the evening, a service for familiar exhortation and prayer was held in the Lecture Room.

On Monday, July 19, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Burrill, I went to Nantucket; and, on the following day, Mr. Burrill preached in St. Paul's in the morning, and myself in the evening. The Rev. Noah Disbrow, who has been transferred to this Diocese from that of Fredericton, has been serving this Church for some time past.

On Friday, July 23, I confirmed 5 in the evening in Grace Church, Boston.

On the Eighth Sunday after Trinity, July 25, I confirmed 12 in the afternoon in the temporary place of worship occupied by the congregation of St. Andrew's, Chelsea; and

In the evening of the same day, confirmed 4 in the Episcopal Chapel for Seamen, Commercial Street, Boston.

On Thursday, July 29, at an Ordination held in St. Stephen's

Chapel, Boston, I admitted the Rev. Henry Marsh, Deacon, to Priest's Orders. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Wells; who also, together with the Rev. Dr. Randall, united with me in the imposition of hands. Mr. Marsh has removed to New Jersey, and is now officiating at Bloomfield, in that Diocese.

St. Michael and All Angels, Wednesday, September 29, at an Ordination held in St. John's, Charlestown, I admitted to Priest's Orders the Rev. Benjamin F. DeCosta, Deacon, Rector of St. John's, North Adams. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Thomas R. Lambert; who also, together with the Rev. D. W. Tolford, of the Diocese of Wisconsin, and the Rev. Messrs. M. B. Chase, Burrill, and Perry, united with me in the imposition of hands.

On Tuesday, October 12, I performed the gratifying duty of laying the corner stone of Grace Church, Salem. The parish for whose use this edifice was thus commenced, was organized not long after our last Convention; and a step was thereby taken which, in common with many friends of our Church, I have long desired to see. The Rev. Mr. Leeds, Rector of St. Peter's, delivered the Address on the present occasion. The site of this second Episcopal church is admirably chosen, both in reference to beauty, and to the object proposed in the formation of the parish; and there is every prospect that the enterprise will be crowned with great success. Several of the Clergy of the Diocese were present at the services, as well as a large assembly of other persons.

On Tuesday, October 26, I preached, and administered the Holy Communion, in St. John's, Wilkesville; and, at a second service in the evening, confirmed 4 persons. The Rev. Benjamin H. Chase, who succeeded Mr. Goodwin in the charge of this parish, removed to the Diocese of Rhode Island soon after

our last Convention; and the congregation, since that time, have had the services of the Rev. A. D. Spalter, of the Diocese of Vermont.

On Wednesday, October 27, I confirmed 9 in the afternoon, and catechized the children, in Christ Church, Clappville.

On Friday, October 29, I confirmed 4 in the morning, and catechized the children, in St. John's, Ashfield; and preached a second time in the evening.

On the Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity, October 31, I preached in the morning in the temporary place of worship occupied by the congregation of St. John's, North Adams; and confirmed 6 in the evening. At the time of my visit, the new church had made good progress towards completion, and is now occupied by the congregation; although a small indebtedness, which I hope will soon be removed, prevents the consecration of the building. In the mean time, there seems to be a prospect of great good resulting from the establishment of our Church in this place. Mr. DeCosta, the former minister, has become the Rector of St. Mary's, Newton Lower Falls; and the Rev. S. Russell Jones, from the Diocese of New York, who for a short time was Assistant Minister of the Churches at Lenox and Stockbridge, has succeeded him at North Adams.

All Saints' Day, Monday, November 1, I confirmed 4 in the afternoon in St. Luke's, Lanesborough.

On Wednesday, November 3, I catechized the children in the afternoon in St. Stephen's, Pittsfield; and confirmed 16 persons in the evening. To these is to be added 1 soon afterwards confirmed at Lenox. It is proper to state in this place, that a second parish, by the name of Christ Church, has been recently organized in Pittsfield.

On Thursday, November 4, I confirmed 20 in the afternoon in St. Paul's, Stockbridge; and, on the following day, a sick parishioner at her own house.

On Friday, November 5, I confirmed 13 in the afternoon in St. George's, Lee. The services were held in the beautiful and convenient church which the parish had some time before completed. I am sorry that, owing to the debt still existing, it cannot yet be consecrated, but look forward with hope to this consummation. The Rev. Dr. Chapman, the highly respected Rector of this parish, has recently resigned the charge of it, and removed to Newburyport.

On the Twenty-Third Sunday after Trinity, November 7, in Trinity Church, Vandeusenville, I catechized the children in the morning; confirmed 8 persons; and, in conjunction with the Rector, administered the Holy Communion; and

In the evening of the same day, confirmed 14 in St. James's, Great Barrington; one of the candidates for Confirmation being from Trinity Church, Vandeusenville. Since my visit of last year, the new parish church had been finished; and the services were held in it on the present occasion. The building is an ornament to the town and to the Diocese, and reflects the highest credit upon the zeal and energy of the parishioners. In completing it, however, they have incurred a debt which still prevents its consecration. Let us hope and pray that this liability may be speedily removed; and that the people may thus be permitted to enjoy the satisfaction of occupying a sanctuary, which, having no encumbrance upon it, they have had set apart in solemn form for the purposes for which it was erected. Since the last Convention the Rev. G. L. Platt has resigned this parish, and removed to Bridgeport, in the Diocese of Connecticut; and his place has been supplied by the Rev. C. A. L. Richards, from the Diocese of Virginia.

On Monday, November 8, in Trinity Church, Lenox, I confirmed 14 in the afternoon, including 1 from Pittsfield, as already mentioned; and preached a second time in the evening.

On Wednesday, November 10, I confirmed 1 in the morning in St. Paul's, Otis; and

In the afternoon of the same day, preached in St. Andrew's, New Boston. These two parishes, I am sorry to say, are still unsupplied with the services of a clergyman.

On the Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity, November 14, I confirmed 2 in the afternoon in Grace Church, Medford.

On Wednesday, November 17, I confirmed 3 in the evening in All Saints', Worcester. Since the last Convention, the Rev. W. H. Brooks, temporarily in charge of this parish, has removed with letters dimissory to Western New York; and the Rev. Mr. Morrison, shortly before his return from Europe, resigned the Rectorship. The Church is now served by the Rev. Albert C. Patterson, of the Diocese of Western New York.

On the Sunday next before Advent, November 21, I confirmed 14 in the morning in Trinity Church, Boston; and

In the evening of the same day, preached, in Trinity Church, the first of a series of sermons delivered in various places of worship, during the last autumn and winter, before the Boston Young Men's Christian Association. This institution is carrying on its noble objects with increasing activity; and is, I am sure, an instrument of great spiritual good to the souls of those for whose benefit it was established.

On Tuesday, November 23, I officiated, for the first time, in West Brookfield, where a parish was organized, after the last Convention, by the name of Grace Church. The Rev. J. A. Penniman presented 6 persons to me, who received the rite of Confirmation. The service was held in the afternoon in a very convenient hall, which had been secured for the use of the congregation. Mr. Penniman, however, has been compelled, for the want of adequate support, to relinquish this field of labor, and has succeeded Mr. Jones as Assistant Minister of St. Paul's,

Stockbridge, and Trinity Church, Lenox. His prospects of success at West Brookfield were quite encouraging; and I sincerely regret that our Diocesan Board of Missions were prevented, by pecuniary inability, from affording any aid towards this infant enterprise at the very time when such assistance was most needed.

On St. Andrew's Day, Tuesday, November 30, I had the pleasure of laying the corner stone of St. Andrew's Church, Chelsea. The Rev. George D. Wildes, who has charge of the parish, delivered the address on this interesting occasion; and many of the neighboring clergy, as well as a large assembly of other persons, witnessed the services.

On Tuesday, December 7, I confirmed 10 in the evening in Grace Church, New Bedford; making, with the 44 already mentioned, 54 as the whole number for the year.

On the Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 19, I preached in the morning, and catechized the children, in St. John's, Millville; and confirmed 6 persons in the same church in the afternoon.

St. Thomas's Day, Tuesday, December 21, I confirmed 10 in the evening in Christ Church, Andover; making, with the 9 before mentioned, 19 as the number for the year.

On Thursday, December 23, at an Ordination held in Grace Church, Boston, I admitted to Priest's Orders the Rev. Charles H. Wheeler, Deacon, temporarily officiating in that church during the absence of the Rector in Europe, and who, not long previously, had been received from the Diocese of Pennsylvania; the Rev. Charles H. Seymour, Deacon, Rector of Trinity Church, Haverhill; and the Rev. Edward Cowley, Deacon, who was soon afterwards transferred to Rhode Island, having been chosen, a short time before his ordination, to the Rectorship of Christ Church, Lonsdale, in that Diocese. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Fuller; who also, together with the

Rev. Messrs. W. R. Babcock, Rector of St. John's, Jamaica Plain, and the Rev. Lucius W. Bancroft, of the Diocese of Rhode Island, officiating in St. Paul's, Boston, united with me in the imposition of hands.

On the Sunday after Christmas-Day, December 26, I confirmed 10 in the evening in the Free Church of St. Mary for Sailors, Boston.

On the Second Sunday after Christmas-Day, January 2, 1859, I confirmed 10 in the evening in the Church of the Messiah, Boston.

On the First Sunday after the Epiphany, January 9, I confirmed 5 in the afternoon in St. Paul's, Dedham; making, in addition to the 14 already mentioned, 19 as the whole number for the year.

On the Second Sunday after the Epiphany, January 16, I delivered a sermon in the evening in St. Matthews', South Boston, before the South Boston Young Men's Christian Association.

Conversion of St. Paul, January 25, I confirmed 78 in the evening in St. Anne's, Lowell.

On the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany, January 30, I confirmed 13 in the evening in the temporary place of worship occupied by the congregation of St. Mark's, Boston; one of the candidates being from St. James's, Roxbury.

On Sexagesima Sunday, February 27, I confirmed 23 in the afternoon in the Church of the Advent, Boston. To these are to be added 3 already mentioned as having been confirmed in other places, making 26 as the whole number for the year. The Rt. Rev. Dr. Southgate has resigned the charge of this parish; and the vacancy has not yet been filled.

On Thursday, March 3, it was my gratifying duty to consecrate the new parish church of St. Thomas's, Taunton; this

service being performed in presence of a crowded congregation, and of a very large number of clergymen of our own Diocese, and of the Dioceses of Rhode Island and Connecticut. The members of this parish, about four years since, resolved to build a substantial edifice, capable of giving increased accommodation; and raised the funds necessary for the purpose. And, in the church which is now set apart, they have carried their plan into execution with admirable taste and munificence. The whole cost of the building was \$33,000; and, as I mentioned in my Address to the last Convention, it was designed by Mr. Upjohn. I can wish no higher reward for those who have contributed to this good work, than the abundant blessing of the Spirit upon these gates of Zion. Through the Liturgy, and the preaching of that gospel which the Liturgy embodies, may multitudes, amidst the storms of infidelity and false religion, be moored fast to the Rock of ages! May the congregation be composed, in increasing numbers, of those who are more than formal worshippers; who are living by faith in the Lamb of God; and who, filled with the missionary spirit, are glorifying Christ by persevering prayer for that world which is lying under condemnation, and by the offerings of their substance for the extension of His glorious kingdom! And at last may all the promoters of this noble enterprise find a place in that temple above, where they shall come to "an innumerable company of angels, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus, the Mediator of the new covenant!"

On the evening of Wednesday, March 16, I confirmed 4 in the temporary place of worship used by the congregation of St. Paul's, Auburndale.

On the fourth Sunday in Lent, April 3, I confirmed 20 in the afternoon in St. John's, Charlestown, and also catechized the children of the parish.

On the Fifth Sunday in Lent, April 10, I confirmed 8 in the evening in Christ Church, Cambridge.

On Thursday, April 14, at an Ordination held in St. Paul's, Boston, I admitted to Deacon's Orders Mr. James I. T. Coolidge, a Candidate for Orders of this Diocese, and late a Unitarian Minister of this city. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. John Cotton Smith, Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, Boston. Mr. Coolidge is at present officiating in St. Paul's Church.

On the Sunday next before Easter, April 17, I confirmed 17 in the morning in Trinity Church, Boston; making, with the 14 previously mentioned, 31 as the whole number for the year.

In the afternoon of the same day, I confirmed 30 in St. Paul's, Boston; and

In the evening, confirmed 12 in the Church of the Messiah, Boston; making, with those confirmed on two former occasions already mentioned, 34 as the whole number for the year.

On Wednesday before Easter, April 20, I confirmed 17 in the afternoon in St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston, including 2 from the Church of the Advent.

Easter Day, April 24, I confirmed 12 in the evening in Christ Church, Boston.

And on Sunday last, the First after Easter, May 1, I confirmed 9 in the evening in St. John's, Jamaica Plain.

The result of the particulars thus presented to you is as follows:—Since we last met together, I have confirmed 929 persons; ordained 1 Deacon, and 5 Priests; laid the corner stone of 2 churches; consecrated 2 churches; and 4 parishes have been organized.

In addition to the changes in the Diocese already recorded, the following have taken place:—The Rev. James C. Richmond has been transferred to the Diocese of Wisconsin; the Rev. John West to Kentucky; and the Rev. W. S. Perry, to New Hampshire. The Rev. Alexander H. Vinton, D. D., has resigned the Rectorship of St. Paul's Church, in this city, and

become the Rector of Holy Trinity, Philadelphia. The Rev. Dexter Potter has been received from the Diocese of Rhode Island; and the Rev. William G. Hawkins from Pennsylvania. The Rev. Henry Burroughs has been compelled by the state of his health to relinquish the charge of St. Mary's, Newton, Lower Falls. The Rev. John Wayland, D. D., has resigned the Rectorship of St. James's, Roxbury; and the Rev. George S. Converse, assistant minister in the Church of the Ascension, New York, has been appointed his successor.

Among the events of the twelve months which have elapsed since we last assembled in Convention in this place, I have to record the departure from this life of the Rev. William Flint, Rector of St. James's, Greenfield, and formerly Rector of St. John's, Charlestown. Mr. Flint removed to this Diocese about seven years ago; and continued at Charlestown until, on the death of the venerable Dr. Strong, he received an invitation to become his successor. He expired at Greenfield on the 12th of April last, after a ministry in that place of nearly four years. Let us not forget the significant lesson spoken, in this solemn event, to us of the ministry who are left behind. What a call does it utter to renewed self-consecration; to increased zeal; to unflinching firmness, and inflexible honesty of mind! There is a day coming, my reverend brethren,—and that soon,—when we, likewise, shall be called to give account of our trust. The Lord keep our eye steadily fixed on that period, and lead us, by his Spirit, so to live and act as those should do who have the prospect of such a tribunal!

The following are the names of the Candidates for Orders of the Diocese:—Wentworth S. Butler, Charles A. Sumner, Phillips Brooks, Abner P. Brush, Richard F. Putnam, Charles C. Wright, Samuel S. Spear, Albert U. Stanley, and Robert Murray, Jr.—Total, 9. James I. T. Coolidge became a Can-

didate in October last, and, as already stated, has recently been admitted to Deacon's Orders. Charles Wingate, whose name was on the list presented to you at the last Convention, has been transferred to the Diocese of Rhode Island; and Reginald H. Chase, another of the Candidates on the same list, requested, in October last, that his name might be erased. Of the present Candidates for Orders, 3 are pursuing their preparation for the ministry in the Theological Seminary of Virginia; and 2 are studying at Gambier. I take this opportunity of acknowledging the liberal aid afforded by the Dioceses of Virginia and Ohio, towards the support of students in these institutions from this and other States. And, while I do so, it is a satisfaction to me to reflect, that those who are thus assisted in temporal things are, at the same time, at each of these two Seminaries of our Church, receiving the infinitely higher blessing of a thoroughly sound, evangelical preparation for the momentous office they are about to assume.

In concluding this Address, I cannot help reminding you of the large number of persons who, during the past year, have in this Diocese confessed the faith of Christ in the rite of Confirmation. This should be a subject, with all of us, for lively gratitude to God; caused as it has undoubtedly been, in no small measure, by the continuance of that outpouring of the gracious Spirit on our country, which we had to acknowledge with joy when we last assembled together. Having, in my Charge delivered this morning, considered this work of grace through the land in some of its most important aspects and bearings, it is unnecessary to add any further observations in this place. May the Lord make us all, my dear brethren of the ministry and of the people, ready and eager to take advantage of this season of spiritual blessing, by being fellow-workers with God in seeking the salvation of men! Our beloved Church is steadily advancing in this part of

the country, and the prejudices which she has had to encounter are rapidly passing away. Oh that, while we are increasing in numerical strength, we may be growing in that simplicity of scriptural doctrine, that holiness of life and conversation, and that spirit of ardent prayer, which can alone ensure the favor of our ascended Mediator and Head! Soon we must give an account of our stewardship. When the summons shall come, may we, each of us, be pronounced by the Judge upon his throne to be "faithful servants!"

The Rev. Thomas R. Lambert, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report:

The Committee on Unfinished Business report that the only business lying over from the last Convention is an amendment to Article III. of the Constitution, laid over to be acted upon at this Convention, printed on page 54 of the Journal of 1858, and a proposition for the amendment of Article IX., printed on page 56 of the Journal.

For the Committee,

THOS. R. LAMBERT.

On motion,

Resolved, That the elections be made the order of the day for to-morrow, at 11 o'clock.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Missionary Committees of the Diocese be requested to report to-morrow, immediately after the opening of the Convention, the amount of contributions received during the year, and the sources from which said sums have been received.

Mr. Francis J. Parker, from the Committee on Church Extension, made the following report from that Body:

The Committee appointed by the Sixty-seventh Convention of the Diocese of Massachusetts, "to consider what measures can

be taken to give greater unity and force to movements looking to the extension of the Church in this Diocese," respectfully recommend the adoption of the canon herewith submitted, "Establishing a Council for Church Extension," as the result of their consideration of the matter referred to them.

For the purpose of giving greater unity and force to movements for Church extension, it is evident that the first requisite is the consolidation of the *government* of all such movements into one body, which shall be devoted to that object.

At present there are four organizations for Church extension within this Diocese, namely :

1. The Board of Missions and Pastoral Aid Committee.
2. The Commissioners for Church Extension.
3. The Board of Missions to Seamen.
4. The District Associations.

The first three of these are appointed by the Diocesan Convention annually — the last are voluntary local associations. No one of these bodies has any organization for the systematic collection of the offerings of the people ; for directing the attention of parishes and individuals to the necessities of the service ; for searching out opportunities for aggressive action ; for careful examination of the importance of various localities ; for the occasional exercise of clerical functions in "waste places," or for attracting and expending gifts for Church building ; and no one of these bodies is organized upon a basis having any relation whatever to the parishes or persons who contribute to its funds.

All of these defects it is proposed to remedy in the Constitution of the "Council for Church Extension." This contemplates a body representing those who support it, and annually by its circuit coming near to its constituent parishes ; a body having ample powers, and uniting in itself the whole force of the Diocese for aggressive purposes. Its Executive Committee is to be always ready to hear and examine applications for aid, and to advise all who seek their counsel. But it is not merely to wait for applications ; by some of its members it is to seek out locations for the establishment of missions or parishes — it is not to

wait for contributions, but it is to seek for them; composed, as it should be, of the most able, earnest and active of the presbyters and laymen of our Church, this committee will become the animating soul of our missions, everywhere reminding men that there is a Church founded upon the faith once delivered to the saints, and now *living* and full of enterprising ardor in the cause of its Divine Head; and everywhere attracting men by the eloquence and worth of its missionaries, and by the simple beauty of its service, from the ways of infidelity, heresy and schism, back to the bosom of that Catholic and Apostolic Church.

Especially would we invite attention to the advantage of some suitable provision for bringing greater unity and force to bear upon the important element of Church building.

The difficulties and embarrassments arising from Church building, constitute a most serious obstacle to the establishment of self-supporting parishes; much of this is owing to inexperience — much to inability to present the matter properly to those who are able to contribute, and much to the need for continued and active exertion which the daily duty of those interested interrupts or prevents.

It is believed that under the canon now proposed, a great deal may be done to facilitate Church building, in providing for these and other difficulties.

The support of worship in a proper edifice is a much smaller burden than the organization and building; and so much effect is added to our service by the propriety of the place, that this becomes an important consideration in view of Church extension enterprises.

Much, doubtless, may be done by way of improvement and amendment of this canon, as experience will show; but we submit it to the action of the Convention, in the firm conviction that its adoption will tend to give greater unity and force to movements looking to Church extension.

For the Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Church Extension be made the order of the day for to-morrow, at 10 o'clock.

On motion,

Resolved, That the matters lying over from the last Convention, printed on pages 54 and 56 of the Journal of 1858, be made the order of the day to-morrow, immediately after the elections.

On motion,

Resolved, That the following resolution, offered by Mr. Francis J. Parker, be laid on the table :

Resolved, That "the Act concerning the officers of the Protestant Episcopal Church," passed by the Legislature of Massachusetts, and approved March 27th, 1858, was desired by, and is acceptable to, the great body of the Church in this Diocese.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Convention now adjourn, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Adjourned.

Thursday Morning, 9 o'clock.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. John T. Burrill, Chaplain of the City Institutions, South Boston.

The roll having been called, several members of the Convention, not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read, amended and approved.

The Secretary read communications from Messrs. C. H. Parker and Otis Daniell, declining re-election on the Board of Missions and Standing Committee.

The Rev. Wm. Horton, D. D., from the Committee on Qualifications, made a further report from that body :

The Committee on Qualifications beg leave further to report, that the Certificates of the Lay delegates from All Saints' Church, Worcester, and of Christ Church, Clappville, are imperfect, in that they do *not affirm* that the said delegates are stated worshippers of said parishes respectively.

All which is respectfully reported, in behalf of the Committee.

W. HORTON, *Chairman.*

On motion,

Resolved, That the delegation from Worcester be admitted to seats in the Convention.

In accordance with the vote passed yesterday, calling upon the Committees to report the amount of their receipts, immediately on the opening of the Convention,

The Secretary read the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions, and the Rev. J. Cotton Smith made a statement of the receipts of the Board of Missions to Seamen.

The hour having arrived for the order of the day, the Convention proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Committee on Church Extension.

On motion,

Resolved, That the whole subject be referred to the same Committee, to report this afternoon, at 4 o'clock.

On motion, .

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Wells, and the Rev. Dr. Vail, be added to the above Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That the order of the day be postponed, to give opportunity for the reading of the reports of the several societies of the Diocese.

The Secretary presented the following Annual Report of the Board of Missions and Pastoral Aid Committee :

Report of the Board of Missions.

In presenting to the Convention their twenty-third Annual Report, the Board of Missions and Pastoral Aid Committee beg leave to state that they have, with one exception, met regularly on the first Monday evening of every month, for the dispatch of such business as demanded their attention.

The appropriations for the year have been as follows :

To the Missionary at Wood's Hole, at the rate of \$200 per ann.

"	"	Swansca,	"	"	100	"
"	"	Cambridgeport,	"	"	100	"
"	"	Stockbridge,	"	"	100	"
"	"	Lenox,	"	"	100	"
"	"	Vandeusenville,	"	"	100	"
"	"	North Adams,	"	"	400	"
"	"	East Boston,	"	"	300	"
"	"	Nantucket,	"	"	200	"
"	"	Ashfield,	"	"	100	"
"	"	Chicopee, \$300 to Oct., then			250	"
"	"	Danvers Plains, at the rate of			200	"
"	"	Lee,	"	"	200	"
"	"	Newton Corner,	"	"	250	"

These appropriations have been about equal to the average of former years, and were voted in the expectation and confident belief that the receipts into the Treasury would fully come up to the usual annual income. In this expectation, however, we have been disappointed. The receipts by the Treasurer have fallen very much below the usual average. There was due to all our Missionaries a full quarter's salary on the first day of April, and some of them have received nothing for the space of six months. If this disappointment were to affect only the members of the Board, it would be of little consequence; but it is a very serious matter indeed to those faithful and laborious servants of God, who, with the miserable pittance for which they are content to labor, even if it were fully and promptly paid, are enabled to support themselves and their families, only by the practice of the most rigid economy. They cannot give their

whole heart to the work of the Lord, nor can it prosper in their hands, while they are continually harassed with pecuniary anxieties—while the disgrace of debt hangs over them—or while an enforced observance of Lent for a whole year depresses their physical energies. The Board which at this Convention shall be elected to take our places, unless they shall enjoy more of the confidence of the Churches than has been extended to us, will find themselves obliged to abandon many promising fields of labor, and to confine themselves to the few stations for which their diminished income will enable them to supply Missionaries.

A Committee of the Board was appointed at the meeting in March last to take this subject into consideration, and to suggest such measures as they may deem advisable to remedy the existing evil. That Committee have reported, and suggest either the appointment of an agent to visit the several Parishes in the Diocese, and, with the concurrence of the Rectors, to present to the congregations the claims and needs of our Missionary organization, or an arrangement by which some system of pledges may be adopted, each Parish binding itself to raise, during the year, a certain amount, according to their several ability, for the carrying on of the Missionary work.

There are many points in this Diocese in which our Church would meet a cordial reception, if only the men and the means were forthcoming. There are scattered families belonging to our Communion in many of the larger towns of the Commonwealth, in which, as yet, no Episcopal services have been held. These are obliged to worship with other bodies of Christians, and their children are growing up ignorant of the faith in which their fathers were educated, and at length become entirely alienated from it, if not actively opposed to it. But we can do nothing to bring them back into the old paths—our hands are tied. We cannot do what ought to be done in sustaining the feeble Parishes already in existence, and which will still, for a time, need our fostering care; much less can we enter upon new fields, white though they be to the harvest.

In the last annual report of this Board, it was stated that the Rev. Mr. Penniman "is now earnestly engaged in forming a

Church at West Brookfield." The efforts thus referred to resulted in the organization of a Parish, with good prospects of eventually becoming self-supporting, could it have received some Missionary aid. But the Board, unable to meet existing engagements, could entertain no new application, and were reluctantly compelled to leave the infant Parish to its own resources. Consequently, about the first of February, Mr. Penniman was obliged to abandon this field of his labor, and to obtain employment elsewhere.

Occasional services have been held at Hyde Park, at Attleborough, and at East Cambridge. No Missionary aid, however, has yet been asked for these stations, nor could the Board have done any thing to assist them, had the application been made. There is a prospect, however, that the Southern District Association will make an effort to provide a Missionary for Attleborough.

From the Churches at East Boston, Newton Corner, Cambridgeport and Haverhill, we have received encouraging accounts, and they will, in all probability, soon be strong enough to dispense with Missionary aid, and perhaps to do something themselves to assist their weaker brethren. At Newton Corner, a chaste and commodious chapel has been erected, in which the public services and the Sunday School are regularly held. The young Parish of Calvary Church, Danvers, appears not only to "have a name to live," but, with a continuance of the Divine blessing, promises shortly to become a vigorous and healthy member of the spiritual Body.

Meetings of the Eastern and Southern District Associations have been regularly held, during the year, in the several Parishes, and in general have been well attended. The Churches in Haverhill, Melrose and Danvers, are principally aided by the funds of the Eastern District Association. The Southern District, which has heretofore placed all its funds at the disposal of the Board, for general purposes, is now about to place a Missionary at Attleborough, and will probably make an effort to revive the Parish at Sandwich, where there are now encouraging prospects of usefulness.

Two vacancies have occurred in the Board, during the past

year,— one by the resignation of the Rev. John S. Stone, D. D., the other, by the departure from the Diocese of the Rev. Alexander H. Vinton, D. D.; — these vacancies have been filled by the election of the Rev. Wm. R. Babcock, and the Rev. John Cotton Smith.

May God pour out upon our Church a larger portion of the Missionary spirit, and into the hearts of her individual members, more self-denial — a deeper consciousness of the value of their privileges, and a fuller recognition of their accountability as stewards!

In behalf of the Board,

JOSEPH H. CLINCH, *Secretary*.

The Secretary also presented the following Annual Report of the Standing Committee:—

Report of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee, in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, present the following report:

The Committee was duly organized on the fourteenth day of June, 1858, by the choice of Rev. Alexander H. Vinton, D. D., as President, and Rev. G. M. Randall, D. D., as Secretary.

The Committee have held eleven meetings during the year. They have signed canonical testimonials in favor of the Rev. Henry Marsh, Benjamin F. De Costa, Charles H. Seymour, Charles H. Wheeler, Edward Cowley, S. Russell Jones, Deacons, recommending them to be admitted to the order of the Priesthood.

They have signed the Canonical Testimonials of Rev. James I. T. Coolidge applying to be admitted to the order of Deacons.

They have signed the canonical testimonials recommending Charles C. Wright, Samuel S. Spear, Albert Upham Stanley, James I. T. Coolidge, Robert Murray, Jr., applying to be admitted as Candidates for Holy Orders.

Rev. Dr. Vinton, D. D., having sent in his resignation as a member of the Committee, on the 12th of October, 1858, in consequence of his removal from the Diocese, the resignation was accepted, and the Committee re-organized by the choice of Rev. G. M. Randall, D. D., as President, and Charles Henry Parker, as Secretary *pro tem*.

The Committee have approved bills of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Diocese. Also of Mr. Hall, for printing; and also for a chest and book-case for the safe keeping of the Records of the Diocese.

For the Committee,

CHA'S HENRY PARKER, *Secretary, pro tem.*

The Secretary also presented the following Annual Report of the Registrar of the Diocese:—

Registrar's Report.

The Church Registrar reports that he has received the following publications and documents:

From the Rev. Moses B. Chase:—

1. Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and in the Diocese of Massachusetts.

From the Rev. Dr. Fuller:—

2. Memorial of Peter Smith Byers, A. M.
3. History of the Parish of Christ Church, Andover.
4. Rev. Dr. Waterman's Sermon on the death of Mr. Abraham Marland.
5. Memoir of Benjamin Punchard.

From the Rev. Samuel Cutler:—

6. History of St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.

From the Rev. Nicholas Hoppin:—

7. Historical notice of Christ Church, Cambridge.

From the Rev. Wm. S. Perry:—

8. Historical Sketch of the Church Missionary Association of Eastern Massachusetts.

From the Rev. Joseph H. Clinch, Secretary of the Diocesan Convention:—

9. A number of Journals of Diocesan Conventions of several Dioceses.

These publications have been placed upon the shelves of a book-case, in the study of the Registrar.

A suitable chest has been procured, in which has been deposited the following :—

From the Rt. Rev. Bishop Eastburn :

1. The Records of the late Bishop Griswold, one volume.
2. A Memorandum Book belonging to Bishop Griswold.

From Rev. J. H. Clinch, two volumes of manuscript Records of the Massachusetts Diocesan Convention.

He has also received from Wm. Raymond Lee, Esq., a volume of Records of the doings of the Standing Committee, with files of documents belonging to the same.

From the late Secretary of the Standing Committee :

Sundry files of papers, the property of the Standing Committee of this Diocese. A fire-proof place of deposit has been secured, for the better preservation of these manuscripts.

GEORGE M. RANDALL, *Church Registrar*.

The Secretary also read the following Annual Report of the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen :

Report of the Widows and Orphans Society.

In presenting their annual report, the Society beg leave to call your attention to the following extracts from its By-laws, in order to bring its objects clearly before you.

“Chapter III. Sec. 1. The funds of this Society shall be applied to the relief of the widows and orphans of those clergymen only, who have died in the communion of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and who at the time of their decease were (except as hereinafter provided in Sec. 5,) either actually or canonically resident in this Diocese.

The funds shall be divided into two classes, viz :—

First. The sum of ten thousand dollars shall be set aside and invested as the ANNUITY FUND, to which shall be added every year all the income or interest arising from it, and also all payments from contributors for Contract-relief; and from this fund shall be paid all annuities which become payable, and all sums

due to contributors removing from the Diocese and wishing to withdraw their contributions.

Second. The remainder of the capital, together with all payments for membership, whether annual or for life, and all gifts, bequests, and devises to this Society, and all offerings and collections made for its benefit, and not otherwise specially appropriated by the donors, shall (except as hereinafter provided,) be invested as a CHARITY FUND, the income of which, after deducting the current expenses of the Society, may be given by the officers and trustees, at their discretion, as gratuitous relief to the widows and orphans of Clergymen who have died in the communion of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and who, at the time of their decease, were actually or canonically resident in this Diocese. . . .

SEC. 2. The widows and children of deceased Clergymen who shall have paid the sum of five dollars, or the sum of ten dollars, or the sum of fifteen dollars, or the sum of twenty dollars, or the sum of twenty-five dollars annually, shall be entitled to an annuity of five times the amount of such annual contribution, for twice the number of years during which it has been paid."

The funds of the Society now amount to the sum of fourteen thousand five hundred and sixty-eight dollars and fifty-three cents (\$14,568.53;) having been increased during the past year by one thousand three hundred and eight dollars and twenty cents (\$1308.20.)

Of the whole amount of funds, twelve thousand three hundred and one dollars and fifty-one cents (\$12,301.51,) constitute the fund for Contract-relief, and two thousand two hundred and sixty-seven dollars and two cents (\$2,267.02,) constitute the fund for Gratuitous-relief.

Considering the means of the Society it is now in a very flourishing condition, but it is often unable to grant gratuitous relief in urgent cases. No case of real need could probably exist in the families of any clergyman of our Diocese without soon coming to the knowledge of this Society, and those persons who would be willing and glad to give their assistance in

such a case, can find no safer or surer way of so doing than by contributing to its funds.

We would also call the attention of our clergy to the facilities which this Society will afford them to make provision for their families; for we are convinced that if they gave this subject the consideration which it merits, they would much more generally be contributors to its funds. Parishes, too, can easily do much for the welfare of their pastors' families, by contributing annually a certain amount to the Society, to be wholly or in part appropriated as a payment by their pastors for Contract-relief.

During the past year no payment for Contract-relief has been made or called for. From the fund for Gratuitous-relief there has been paid—

To the widow of the late Titus Strong, D. D.,	. .	\$60 00
“ “ “ Bishop Griswold,	. .	30 00
“ daughter “ William Croswell, D. D.,		20 00

In all, the sum of \$110 00

All of these are to be continued during the year at the rates now paid.

In behalf of the Society,

JAMES C. MERRILL, *Secretary*.

The Rev. Alfred L. Baury presented the Treasurer's account of the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen. (See Appendix.)

The Convention then proceeded to the election of the several Committees for the ensuing year.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Dr. Horton and the Rev. Thomas R. Lambert, to collect and count the Clerical votes for a Standing Committee, and Messrs. McBurney and Moores to collect those of the Laity.

The Chair appointed the Rev. David G. Haskins and the Rev. Nathaniel G. Allen, to collect the votes of the Clergy, and Messrs. Littell and Hunt to collect those of the Laity, for Deputies to the General Convention.

Mr. Francis Hilliard, from the Committee to consider the

expediency of procuring an Act of incorporation for the Diocesan Board of Missions, reported verbally that they had not found it expedient to apply for such an Act.

On motion of Mr. Hilliard,

Resolved, That the subject matter thereof be referred to the Committee having in charge the proposed plan of a Council for Church Extension.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be empowered to borrow money to defray the expenses of the Convention, provided the quotas from the several Parishes be insufficient for that purpose.

On motion,

Resolved, That the election of persons nominated as Trustees to the General Theological Seminary be postponed till 1 o'clock.

On motion,

Resolved, That in the election of Trustees to the General Seminary, the vote shall be by ballot.

On motion,

Resolved, That the preceding vote be reconsidered.

On motion,

Resolved, That the persons nominated at the last Convention as Trustees to the General Theological Seminary be re-appointed, with the exception of the Rev. Dr. Vinton, who has left the Diocese, and Mr. Edward A. Newton, who resigns ;—and that the Convention now proceed to fill these two vacancies by ballot.

The Chair appointed the Rev. J. S. Townsend and Mr. Ira Cleveland, tellers, to receive and count the votes for persons to fill these two vacancies.

The Rev. Dr. Horton, from the Committee appointed to collect and count the votes for Standing Committee, reported that the Convention had made choice of the following persons :—

Clergy.

Laity.

Rev. Geo. M. Randall, D. D., Messrs. William Appleton,
“ Charles H. Parker,
“ Otis Daniell,

and that there are two clerical vacancies.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention proceed to vote by ballot for two clerical members of the Standing Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That 1500 copies of the Bishop's Charge be printed separate from the Journal.

The Rev. Dr. Horton, from the Committee appointed to collect and count the votes for two clerical members of the Standing Committee, reported that the Convention had failed to make an election.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. John S. Stone, D. D., and the Rev. Charles Mason, D. D., having the highest number of votes, be declared elected.

The Rev. D. G. Haskins, from the Committee appointed to collect the votes for Deputies to the General Convention, reported that the Convention had made choice of the following :—

Clergy.

Laity.

The Rev. G. M. Randall, D. D., Messrs. William Appleton,
“ George Leeds, “ Sam'l L. Crocker,
“ E. M. P. Wells, D. D., “ Edw. A. Newton,
“ R. C. Winthrop,

and that there is one clerical vacancy.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. S. Brenton Shaw be declared elected to fill the above vacancy.

Mr. Ira Cleveland, from the Committee to collect and count the votes for Trustees to the General Theological

Seminary, reported that the Convention has elected the Rev. Samuel Fuller, D. D., in place of the Rev. Dr. Vinton.

On motion,

Resolved, That G. C. Shattuck, M. D., having the next highest number of votes, be declared elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of E. A. Newton.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now adjourn, to meet in this place at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The minutes of the morning Session were read and approved.

The Secretary having read a report from W. Raymond Lee, in reference to the admission of new parishes, it was,

On motion,

Resolved, That the report, and the proposed canon accompanying it, be received by the Convention, and laid on the table for the present.

The Rev. T. W. Snow from the Committee on Church Extension reported the following canon :—

SECTION 1. Each of the three District Associations of this Diocese shall, at its first meeting after Easter, elect three clergymen, settled within its limits, who shall represent it in the Board of Missions.

SECT. 2. Every Parish in this Diocese, having within the year preceding, contributed at least fifty dollars to the funds of the Board, shall be entitled to one lay representative in the same.

SECT. 3. The term of service of the Delegates shall commence at the close of the Annual Convention.

SECT. 4. The persons so chosen, with the Bishop of the Diocese, who shall be *ex officio*, a member and, when present, the presiding officer, shall constitute the Board of Missions, which shall have full charge and control of all monies contributed to its

funds, except in so far as they may be limited by donors of funds for special purposes. The members present at any stated or duly notified meeting shall be a quorum.

SECT. 5. Stated meetings of the Board shall be held at least once in two months.

SECT. 6. One or more missionaries at large shall be appointed by the Board, whose duty it shall be to visit, explore and officiate under its direction.

SECT. 7. This Board shall report to the Annual Convention; and shall have all the powers and privileges now granted to the Commissioners for Church Extension, which Commission is hereby abolished.

SECT. 8. For all the purposes of Section 2, monies heretofore contributed for any missionary objects within this Diocese, may be reckoned as if contributed to the funds of the Board.

SECT. 9. The first meeting of the Board shall be held at a time and place to be appointed by the Bishop, so soon as the Secretary of the Convention shall have received official notice that the District Associations have elected their delegates.

After a long discussion on the subject it was, on motion,
Resolved, That the proposed canon be now adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That the subject of receiving missionary pledges from the several parishes be made the order of the day for to-morrow, immediately after the assembling of the Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Convention now adjourn, to meet at 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Adjourned.

Friday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. William P. Page, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport.

The minutes of yesterday afternoon's Session were read and approved.

The order of the day having come up, the subject of missionary pledges was discussed.

On motion,

Resolved, That the pledges now to be made are to be applied to the extinguishment of the debt of the Board of Missions.

Pledges were received from 21 Parishes, amounting to about \$800.

The Rev. J. Cotton Smith presented the Annual Report of the Board of Missions to Seamen.

Report of the Board of Missions to Seamen.

The Board of Missions to Seamen beg leave to present their Annual Report.

It is with great pleasure and thankfulness, we trust, that we are able to report the Diocesan Mission to Seamen as in a more prosperous condition than ever before, both in a temporal and spiritual point of view. The Treasurer's Report shows that the debt of the Board at the last Convention, to the amount of \$458.49, has been discharged; that the current expenses of the year, amounting to \$1792.79 have all been paid, and that there is a balance of about \$1000 in the treasury. For this prosperous state of our finances we are indebted in a great measure, by the blessing of God, to a bequest of \$2000 by the late Mr. Whall. This bequest undoubtedly caused a plan for the collection of funds which was about to be adopted, to be abandoned; but notwithstanding this, the receipts of the Mission during the past year have been \$1244.77. When it is remembered that the Missionary himself does not solicit contributions, and that no collections are made in the Chapel, this amount must be regarded as indicative of no little interest in and sympathy with the operations of the Board.

But we turn with pleasure to the subject of the spiritual condition of the Mission. The Report of the faithful and laborious Missionary, the Rev. John Irwin, shows, what must have been evident to every one who has attended the services at the Chapel during the past year, that the work has been abundantly blessed

by the Holy Spirit. The attendance has been larger than ever before; the decorum and attention of the congregation have greatly improved; a deep feeling of reverence and solemnity has most manifestly prevailed; the people of God, worshipping there, have been strengthened and confirmed in their faith; many of the impenitent have been alarmed, and have at last found peace in believing, and a warmth and fervor of Christian life have been there developed but rarely witnessed even in our most favored congregations. We should be glad to present the entire Report of the Missionary to the Convention, as showing what, under the blessing of God, has been accomplished.

We regret exceedingly to announce the dissolution of the connection of the Rev. Mr. Irwin with the Board. The great success which has attended his labors, and the strong attachment for him of those among whom he has ministered, render his loss a peculiarly grievous one to them, and one which it will be very difficult, if not impossible, fully to supply. While we shall feel deeply the loss of his services, our best wishes and prayers will follow him to his new sphere of labor, that he may be blessed abundantly with those spiritual blessings which he has been the favored instrument of conferring upon so many, and reap a rich harvest in the field to which the Lord has called him.

In conclusion, we commend this mission most hopefully to the renewed sympathy and affectionate co-operation of the clergy and laity of our Church. We trust that we have no interest in it, except as a precious means of grace to the destitute. We have seen the blessing of God poured out richly upon it, and we therefore earnestly desire that no efforts of ours may be wanting that this blessing may be continued and greatly increased. It is a simple, unassuming work, in an obscure upper room, among a greatly neglected though most interesting class of men; but He who met in an upper room with his first followers, has again and again manifested his presence to the few there assembled, and has owned them as his disciples. The friends of this mission cannot suffer the want of means to be any impediment to the

efficient carrying out of its operations. Whatever is necessary, will be furnished by the generous hands which have always responded to this appeal; but at the same time every member of this Convention which has established and carried on, and pledged itself to this mission, is bound in honor, to say nothing of sacred duty, to see that the burden of sustaining it does not fall too heavily upon those whose sympathy and efforts and means are never wanting for any good work.

JOHN COTTON SMITH,
JAMES S. AMORY,
Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That in the election of a Board of Missions to Seamen, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

Resolved, That the former Board of Missions to Seamen be re-appointed.

On motion,

Resolved, That the names of Dr. John Jeffries and Russell Sturgis, Jr., be added to the above Board.

On motion,

Resolved, That the name of James S. Amory be added to the Board of Missions to Seamen.

On motion,

Resolved, That in the election of a Board of Missions and Pastoral Aid Committee, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

Resolved, That the persons now constituting the Board of Missions and Pastoral Aid Committee be re-elected, with power to fill vacancies.

The Rev. Mr. Snow, from the Executive Committee, reported that,

The Executive Committee recommend Trinity Church, Boston, as the *place* for the next annual meeting of the Convention of this Diocese, and the first Wednesday in

May, 1860, as the *time*; the Rev. Samuel Cutler, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Hanover, as the preacher of the Annual Sermon, and the Rev. Nicholas Hoppin, Rector of Christ Church, Cambridge, as the substitute.

The following resolutions were offered by the Rev. Thomas R. Lambert:

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in his wise Providence to remove by death, since the last meeting of this Convention, the Rev. William Flint, M. D., late Rector of St. James's Church, Greenfield, therefore,

Resolved, That this Convention deeply and sincerely sympathize with the family and relatives of our deceased friend and brother, in the great loss they have sustained, and hereby assure them of our heartfelt condolence in their affliction, and commend them to His protection and grace "who gave, and hath taken away."

Resolved, That we recognize in this event a fresh admonition to faithfulness in our several posts of duty, and a constant preparation for that night of death in which no man can work.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the pages of the Journal, and that a copy of the same be forwarded to the family of the deceased.

Which resolutions were, on motion, adopted. .

On motion,

Resolved, That the amendment to article IX. of the Constitution, offered at the last Convention, and printed on page 56 of the Journal of 1858, be adopted, so that article IX. may read as follows:

The Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any article, except at the annual meeting of the Convention, nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed and accepted by the Convention for consideration, at one annual meeting previous to its adoption.

On motion,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the several Parishes of this Diocese to make a collection during the Lenten Season, in aid of the funds of the Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.

After considerable discussion, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the Convention accept for consideration the following amendment to article III. of the Constitution, offered by the Rev. J. S. Copley Greene — after the words “a stated worshipper of the Parish which he represents,” insert the words “and a communicant of this Church.”

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now adjourn, to meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Adjourned.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

On motion,

Resolved, That 1000 copies of the Journal be printed.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on New Parishes, which was laid on the table yesterday, P. M., be now taken from the table.

On motion,

Resolved, That the proposed Canon on the admission of new Parishes be referred back to the same Committee to report at the next Convention, and that they be also empowered to take into consideration the repealed Canon of 1852.

On motion,

Resolved, That the resolution offered by Francis J. Parker, on the first day of the Session, and printed on page 80, be adopted by this Convention.

In the absence of the Committee on Finance, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be empowered to pay to the members of the Convention the amount of their traveling expenses.

On motion,

Resolved, That a preacher be appointed by this Convention to present the subject of Diocesan Missions before the Convention of the Diocese, on the evening of the first day of the meeting of that Body.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to nominate the preacher of the Missionary Sermon.

The Chair appointed the Rev. E. L. Drown, the Rev. William Horton, D. D., and Mr. Eliakim Littell, as the Committee of Nomination.

The Rev. Mr. Drown, from the Nominating Committee, recommended the Rev. John Cotton Smith, as the preacher, and the Rev. Thomas H. Vail, D. D., as the substitute.

There being no more business before the Convention, it was,

On motion,

Resolved, That, after the usual religious services, the Convention adjourn.

The minutes of the Session were read and approved.

The "Gloria in Excelsis" was then sung, and after prayer and benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned, *sine die*.

Attest,

JOS. H. CLINCH, *Secretary*.

APPENDIX.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Suffolk County.

Trinity Church, Boston.

THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, Rector.

THE REV. JOHN COTTON SMITH, Assistant Minister on the
Greene Foundation.

Baptisms, (adults 6, infants 23,) 29. Marriages, 20. Burials, 29. Confirmed, 31. Communicants, 400. Sunday Scholars, 150. Teachers, 20. Bible Class of Young Men, 15. Young Ladies' Bible Class, 21. These two classes are conducted by the Assistant Minister.

The contributions have been as follows: — Communion offerings, \$1036.48; Diocesan Missions, \$629.55; Foreign Missions, \$457.90; For Domestic Committee, \$14.20; For building of churches in Maine, Missouri, Wisconsin, Iowa, Kansas, and Canada, \$365; City Missions, \$100; For building of churches in this Diocese, \$631; For Christian and Theological Education, \$382; Collected at the Price Lectures, \$118.75; American Bible Society, \$258.26; Female Bible Society, \$24; Protestant Episcopal Society for the promotion of Evangelical Knowledge,

\$234.50; Board of Missions for Seamen, \$474.05; Young Men's Christian Association, \$38.49; Episcopal Association for Clothing Destitute Seamen, \$220; Trinity Church Charitable Society for Clothing the Poor, \$268.83; Church Home for Orphan and Destitute Children, \$1937; Offertory Collection for Society for Relief of Widows and Orphans of Clergymen, \$86.65; other gifts for benevolent objects, \$56.10. The Sunday Scholars have contributed, as heretofore, to the African Mission. The total amount of contributions is \$7332.76.

Christ Church, Boston.

THE REV. WILLIAM T. SMITHETT, Rector.

Baptisms, 63. Marriages, 14. Burials, 15. Confirmed, 12. Communicants: added, 22; died and removed, 28; present number, 96. Sunday Scholars, 71. Teachers, 9. Superintendent and Librarian. Bible Class, 18. Contributions: Offertory, \$182.38; Young Ladies' Society, \$150; For Sunday School Books and Papers, \$21; Clothing for Poor, \$10; For Church Repairs, Walks, Iron Fences, &c., \$200; Foreign Missions, \$15; Domestic, (Gen.) \$10, (Iowa) \$65; Diocesan, (Gen.) \$30, (E. Dist. Ass.) \$40; American Bible Society, \$10; American Sunday School Union, \$5. Within the Parish, \$563.38; for other objects, \$170.

St. Matthew's Church, South Boston.

THE REV. JOSEPH H. CLINCH, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 39, adults 3,) total, 42. Communicants: added, 24; died or removed, 19; present number, 93. Confirmed, 0. Marriages, 12. Burials, 37. Sunday School Scholars, 160. Missionary Contributions: Diocesan Missions, \$27; Missionary Association for the West, \$5; Foreign Board, \$10; American Bible Society, \$10; American Tract Society, \$5 — total without the Parish \$57; Communion Alms, \$97.20; Other benevolent objects, \$81.68 — total within the Parish, \$178.88; whole amount, \$235.88.

No important change has taken place in this Parish during the past Conventional year. There is a gradual increase in numbers and strength, and the Sunday School, under the direction of its efficient Superintendent and zealous band of teachers, is in a very flourishing condition. The want of a better edifice than that in which we are now obliged to worship, is much felt, and tends materially to retard the growth of the Parish.

St. Paul's Church, Boston.

Baptisms, (infants 15, adults 13,) 28. Confirmed, 30. Marriages, 6. Burials, 8. Communicants: added, 32; present number, 385. Sunday School: Teachers, 28; Pupils, 141. Contributions: Bible Society, \$345; Foreign and Domestic Missions, about \$4000. Other collections, for various objects, have been made, but the amount is unknown to the undersigned. The Rev. Alexander H. Vinton, D. D., Rector of the Church for nearly seventeen years, resigned on the first of October, having accepted a call to the Rectorship of the Church of the Holy Trinity, in Philadelphia. Since that time, the services of the Parish have been supplied mostly by the Rev. L. W. Bancroft.

WILLIAM B. REYNOLDS,
WILLIAM APPLETON,
Wardens.

Grace Church, Boston.

THE REV. CHARLES MASON, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 7, adults 3,) 10. Communicants: added, 7; died, 6; present number, about 200. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 4. Deaths, 8. Sunday School Teachers, 20. Scholars, 120. Missionary Contributions: Diocesan, \$70; African Mission, from Sunday School, \$55; Eastern Missionary Association, \$100; Bible Society, \$55.50; Communion Offerings, about \$300; Church purposes, \$350. The absence of the Rector prevents the exact statement of some of the statistics of the Church, charities to the "Church Home," and other objects; and the

Wardens have to report the affairs of the Church to be in a similar condition as at last report.

OTIS DANIELL,
GEORGE W. FROTHINGHAM,
Wardens.

Church of the Messiah, Boston.

THE REV. GEORGE M. RANDALL, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 33, adults 7,) 40. Confirmed, 34. Communicants: added, 79; died or removed, 34; present number, 359. Burials, 22. Marriages, 7. Sunday School: Scholars, 210; Teachers, 22, with Superintendent and Librarian and Assistant Librarian; total, 235. Contributions: Communion Alms, \$375.83; Other contributions for the Poor, \$45; Ladies' Circle for the Poor, \$60; Sunday School Collections, \$170.62, of which \$40 were for the education of two children in Africa; Weekly offerings, \$670.61; of the above collections, \$91.61 were for Diocesan Missions; \$42 for the Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen; \$94 for the "Church Home;" \$63.23 for the "Visitor of the Poor;" \$41.18 for the American Bible Society; General Domestic Missions, \$50; Kansas, \$25; Minnesota, \$50; total, \$1322.05.

The congregation has increased very considerably during the last year. A new organ has been purchased and paid for, and is placed upon the floor of the Church, near the chancel. The gallery has been furnished with pews, affording sittings for eighty persons, which are *free*.

St. John's Church, East Boston.

THE REV. SAMUEL J. EVANS, Rector.

In submitting his report for the past Conventional year, the Rector would remark that this Parish is gradually gathering strength and compactness. In view of all things, it is prosperous. The attendance upon Divine worship increases. In addition to Sunday services, a Wednesday evening Lecture has been held since last Fall, through the Holy Season of Lent up to Easter.

which has been well attended. Financially, we have been removing debt as fast as the times will allow, but a sum of some \$300 or more is due on our organ. The Sewing Circle has been industrious, and through its exertions, and by other means, \$197.12 have been paid on account of the organ and incidental obligations. In this connection, the Rector painfully records the decease of Mrs. Jane Watson, who had been so instrumental and successful in giving existence to this Parish. Her devotion to its interests was untiring. Its welfare was ever near her heart, and its prosperity was a subject of anxious concern, as exhibited in her conversations and deeds. She has now ceased her earthly labors, and has gone to her rest. Her example, for energy, zeal and perseverance, is well worthy of imitation.

Baptisms, infants, 19. Communicants: removed, 3; died, 1; added, 4; total, 50. Marriages, 1. Burials, 8. Sunday School Scholars, (enrolled,) 160. Communion Alms, \$60.23; for Diocesan Missions, \$9; for Eastern District Association, \$10; for General Missionary purposes, \$7.50.

Church of the Advent, Boston.

THE REV. M. P. STICKNEY, Assistant Minister.

The Rectorship became vacant the last day of October, by the resignation of the Rt. Rev. Horatio Southgate, D. D.

From that time to the present, the general charge of the Parish has been entrusted, by the vote of the Corporation, to the Assistant Minister.

He has been assisted in the public services of the House of God, during the first six months of his charge, by the Rev. Francis A. Foxcroft, and latterly, by the Rev. John Wayland, D. D.

The statistics of the Parish for the present Conventional year are as follows, viz.:

Baptisms, (adults 10,) 48. Confirmed, 26. Communicants: Died or removed, 15; added, 35; present number, as appears from a careful revision of the entire list, 373. Marriages, 11. Burials, 17. Offerings: on Sundays, \$6692.92; on Holy Days, \$1302.44; through the Alms Chest, \$596.39; by the Sunday School, \$58.57; by the Guild, \$741.57; total, \$9391.89. Of

this sum, there has been devoted to Missions and Charities \$2099.84.

Sunday School: Mr. Frederick E. Stimpson, Superintendent; Teachers, 14; Scholars, 115. The School is flourishing. Its usefulness is to be ascribed, in great part, to the activity and diligence of the Superintendent, and his devoted associates, the Teachers.

The course of the year has been sadly marked in our Parish by the decease of a most esteemed and beloved member, Mr. William F. Otis, who for some years had filled the office of Senior Warden. Mr. Otis departed this life at Versailles, May 29th, A. D. 1858, and was buried at Mount Auburn the 17th June. He was an ornament and a support to our Parish; and his daily life amongst us, of quiet and holy beauty, was a continual reminder of that pure and peaceful realm to which we believe his spirit has ascended.

St. Mark's Church, Boston.

THE REV. C. F. KNIGHT, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 19, adults 2,) 21. Communicants: added, 70; died or removed, 13; present number, 182. Confirmed, 13; one being from St. James's, Roxbury. Marriages, 6. Burials, 13. Money given for religious purposes, within the Parish, \$1656.57; without the Parish, \$70.40.

The seats are free, and the Parish is supported by the voluntary contributions of the people.

St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston.

THE REV. E. M. P. WELLS, D. D., Missionary.

THE REV. E. A. RENOUF, Assistant.

Baptisms, 66. Confirmed, 15. Communicants—regular and irregular—430. Marriages, 32. Burials, 34. Public Catechizings, 12. Sunday School: Teachers, 16; Scholars, 85. Amount given by the congregation for missionary and other religious purposes, \$1163.

The regular and special services in the Church have been

763, at which there have been 235⁶ sermons and lectures. The Holy Communion has been administered 30 times.

There has been received at St. Stephen's House, for the relief of the poor, \$5,537, which has furnished relief on more than 15,000 occasions, in food, clothing, fuel, rent, work, sickness, and the like; some items of which are, 29320 meals, 7210 lodgings, 1220 loaves given out to families, 1352 parcels of tea and sugar, 174 weeks' rent, 365 parcels of flour, meal and meat, to families; paid for 135 weeks' nursing, 2647 articles of new clothing, besides 489 pieces second hand clothing, 200 bed comforters and blankets, 147 parcels of fuel, 1640 articles of clothing made by the poor, and 1437 days' work done by the poor, for all which a fair price was paid; and the whole made and done for the poor.

*Free Church of St. Mary for Sailors,
Richmond Street, Boston.*

THE REV. JOHN P. ROBINSON, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 16, adults 3—2 sailors and 1 woman,) 19. Confirmed, (7 sailors, 3 women,) 10. Communicants: added, 10; present number, 95. Burials, 10. Marriages, 10. Sunday School: Scholars 60; Teachers, 9. Contributions for the Church, &c., \$1835.30. Of this sum, \$563.80 has been sent to the Rector, \$918.66 annual subscriptions, and \$352.84 Offer-tory at the Church,

Clothing to shipwrecked and destitute seamen and other needy people: 75 flannel shirts; 60 pairs flannel drawers; 30 under shirts; 24 cotton shirts; 6 dozen pairs woolen socks; 23 over-coats; 35 coats and sacks; 43 vests; 12 guernsey shirts; 165 garments for women and children; 4 cloaks; 10 warm padded capes; 45 pairs shoes and 70 pairs India rubber boots (from H. B. Society.)

Coal, board, rent, groceries and other charities, from my private purse, \$210.

The expenses of the Church for the year have been \$384.75.

The services at the Church on Sunday have been,—Sunday School at 9 A. M., and half-past 1, P. M. Morning Prayer

at quarter past 10, and sermon ; Evening Prayer at 7, during the winter, and half-past 7 in the summer, with sermon or addresses from the Rector and his brethren. The evening services have been very fully attended, with attentive congregations. The average of seamen at these evening services has been over one hundred and fifty. On repeated occasions the number has varied from two to four hundred. The seriousness that has prevailed among the seamen, the number confirmed, and the additions to the communion, afford pleasing evidence that the word spoken has been graciously blessed of God.

650 Bibles and 769 Testaments in all languages ; 715 Prayer Books, and 830 religious books ; and tracts, papers and pamphlets without count, have been given to our seamen going to sea. No mind of man can measure the benefits which have been conferred on immortal souls through the agency of this department of my labors.

The visitation at the Marine Hospital, Chelsea, has been kept up as in former years, and the hearty welcome always extended me by the sick and suffering sailor is most grateful to my feelings. I cannot but cherish the hope that my visits which have been made to this institution for so many years have been productive of much good, not only in speaking cheering words to the convalescent, but in preparing the dying for the last struggle, and in performing the rites of religion over the departed. A colored seaman presented himself for confirmation this winter, who dates his first religious impressions to instructions received from me during the winter of 1849. He had been severely frost-bitten, coming on the coast, and lost the toes of both feet. His case interested me so much, that I procured him some elementary books and taught him to read—and I never can forget his expression of thankfulness when he managed to spell through a few verses of the second chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel. Crippled as he was, he went to sea as cook, soon after his discharge from the Hospital. Always when in port he attended Church. On shore, and so far as I can learn, on ship-board, he maintains a Christian character. He is always becomingly clad, and has saved quite a sum of money from his earnings, part of which is in the Savings

Bank. Other cases of interest might be mentioned if time permitted.

Capt. M., a member of my Church, writes me as follows : " I never can sufficiently thank you for urging me to hold the regular service of the Church on board my ship on Sundays. The influence upon all hands was immediately seen. All seemed anxious to be present, and were thankful for the books and tracts which I distributed among them for Sunday reading, after the close of the morning service. To show you the good effects of the tract distribution, I mention the case of a young sailor, one of my best seamen, who was occasionally profane, though he was not aware that I knew of his being guilty of the habit. I gave him the Swearer's Prayer. I heard nothing from him, and could not learn from any on board how he received it. A letter written to his family told how providential the gift of the tract was—that he felt it was a deserved reproof, and that from that time he had given up the wicked and unmanly habit.

Since the last report, the Rector feels that he has cause for the most profound gratitude for the blessings which have attended his services the past year. He has been cheered by good words, and helped with liberal contributions. The amount received shows the fraternal feeling which exists in the Christian and commercial community of Boston towards this sailor Parish. St. Mary's Parish depends entirely for its support upon the contributions of its friends. And the fact that it is thus liberally sustained, shows that its fruits commend it to the confidence of those who love the Lord Jesus Christ, and who have a single eye to his glory, and a sincere desire to see this work of grace prospering among a class whose spiritual interests have been so long neglected.

The Rector is happy to add, in conclusion, that he has obtained a very superior organ, which has been insured nearly to the amount of its cost.

The Parish does not owe a single dollar.

The statistics here set forth are the same as contained in my fourteenth annual report printed last month.

Diocesan Mission to Seamen.

CHAPEL, 293 COMMERCIAL STREET, BOSTON.

It is with feelings of no ordinary character that the Missionary of the Diocesan Board undertakes briefly to review the dealings of the Most High with the Mission under his charge during the past year. About to close his connection with this interesting field of labor, he cannot but feel regret that he is called upon (providentially, as it would appear,) to separate himself from an office in which God has blessed his labors more visibly, and perhaps more abundantly, than in all the previous years of his ministry. It is, nevertheless, a cause of deep thankfulness that God *has* so blessed these labors.

Since the time when the last annual report was presented, the congregation have steadily but slowly increased. No special efforts have been made with the view, merely, of drawing a multitude into our Chapel; and the growth is, for this reason, more satisfactory and more reliable. The stated attendance on Sunday mornings nearly averages 50; whilst the average number of worshippers in the evening amounts very nearly to 100. Of these occasions it may be remarked that the attendance of seamen is invariably greater at the *evening* services; the persons resorting to Divine Worship at the Chapel in the *morning* being mostly those who did not frequent any stated place at all; or who had, for some time, ceased to do so. There is often, however, to be seen with those at the Chapel on Sunday mornings, a considerable number of seamen. The evening services on Sunday have, for the past year, been followed invariably by a prayer-meeting, in which the persons present have been invited to make remarks of a practical and experimental character, and to offer prayer. These occasions have been found deeply interesting and profitable. In fact, a meeting of this sort has rarely, of late, transpired without one or two (sometimes three) persons rising up to request the prayers of those assembled on their behalf to God. On frequent occasions too, such persons have returned to the Chapel and professed openly to have received "peace and

joy in believing." The Chapel is now open for divine worship on two evenings during the week. The latter services have been also attended with the Divine blessing. They are of a less formal character than the Sunday services; but the missionary has conceived himself justified in resorting to different modes in this behalf, by a consideration of the character and wants of those among whom he has chiefly labored. Whether this departure from our accustomed form of worship, in more regular congregations, can be justified on strict *rubrical* principles or not; it is, at least, certain that the Divine blessing has largely attended these meetings. Frequently has the hitherto careless sinner been "cut to the heart," or the penitent had his mourning turned to joy. Of the number of such conversions the missionary *could* not speak if he would, since God alone knows the extent of his own work; and *would* not speak if he could, since he thinks that man should not measure his Maker's work; whilst to attempt it often feeds human vanity.

Of copies of the Sacred Scriptures, there have been distributed, during the year, 981. These were in different languages, including Swedish, Danish, French, German, Dutch, Spanish, Portuguese, Gaelic and modern Greek. On one occasion, a whole crew of German sailors, consisting of 10 persons, were supplied at the Chapel with Bibles, immediately before they put to sea. Of the entire number distributed, about two-thirds were Bibles and the remainder Testaments. In addition, 152 copies of the Book of Common Prayer were distributed amongst those to whom it was believed they would be specially useful. 63 volumes of a miscellaneous kind were also bestowed upon sailors going to sea. By far the largest proportion of these Bibles and Testaments were given, at several times, to the Missionary, by the Massachusetts Bible Society, to whom he is very grateful. The Prayer Books were partly the gift of the Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society, by Rev. E. M. P. Wells, D. D., and of the Evangelical Knowledge Society, by Rev. Dr. Dyer. To both of these respected brethren the Missionary hereby tenders his thanks. The miscellaneous volumes were given by several individuals. Many thousands of tracts, given by the

American Tract Society, who have been ever generous in their donations, were also distributed by the Missionary during the past year.

With respect to the other scenes of labor in which the Diocesan Missionary to Seamen has been engaged it may be remarked that about 200 vessels, at anchor in Boston Harbor, have been visited by the Missionary, in his boat. These were ships ready for sea, or just arrived in port, and having the crews on board. Among the latter, Tracts, New Testaments, and notices of our Chapel services have been freely distributed, and the Missionary has reason to *know* that good has resulted from these visits. The weekly visits to the Chelsea Hospital have been continued, and the Bible class of the inmates of that Institution has been maintained throughout the year. The average attendance at the class has been about 20. Of the benefit resulting from this service many proofs might be recorded, were it proper here to do so. The following is an extract from a letter written by a sailor, long an inmate of the Hospital, to the Missionary, from a foreign port:—"I thank you, dear pastor, for laying a good foundation in my heart, at the Chelsea Hospital. May Jesus Christ inspire you more and more with the fire of his great love. I have often felt thankful for the goodness showed me while in Boston by you, &c., I will say that I feel the love of Jesus, and trust I shall forever. I have tried my best to serve the Almighty, and have spoken of His loving kindness towards my soul. O! praise His holy name! I have taken the Lord's Supper often, and feel the good of the same. The Rev. — is Rector of — Church. I attend his Church." The writer was one of the sailors confirmed by the Bishop on the last occasion of holding that ordinance at the Chapel, and there is some hope that he will yet preach the Gospel to the benighted people of his race (on the mother's side) in Africa.

The Missionary has now, in fine, to record his obligations to the "Episcopal Society for Clothing destitute Seamen," by whose assistance mainly, he has been enabled to distribute 379 articles of clothing (mostly flannels, shoes and socks,) among ship-

wrecked and distressed sons of the ocean, who have called upon him at the Chapel to tell the tale of their distresses, or whom he has known at the Hospital.

The Missionary desires to commend this enterprise to God, who is able to dispose the hearts of his people to "devise liberal things" towards it. Of one thing he is entirely satisfied, that it has been an agency, of late, highly favored by the Most High. It is, therefore, worthy of support by God's people. May He raise up a fit man who, as Missionary, shall continue this work and see the "pleasure of the Lord" prosper still more abundantly in his hand. Amen.

JOHN IRWIN,

Late Missionary of the Diocesan Board of Missions to Seamen.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts:

Since the last Convention, I have officiated regularly as heretofore in the City Institutions at South Boston, performing service three times every Sunday, and prayers each day during the week; besides other duties connected with the moral and religious welfare of the inmates of these Institutions.

Since my last report, there has been a gratifying decrease in my congregation, which I think may be owing, at least in part, to the increased religious efforts for their benefit outside of the Institutions. The present number in the House of Correction is about 400, and in the Lunatic Hospital, 125. I have baptized, (infants 5, adults 1,) 6; and performed the burial service for 13 persons, in addition to which I have officiated at one funeral and two marriages in St. Mathew's Parish, during the absence of the Rector.

J. T. BURRILL,

Chaplain of City Institutions, South Boston.

St. Luke's Church, Chelsea,

THE REV. WILLIAM S. BARTLET, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 12, adults 1,) 13. Communicants: added, 5; died or removed, 9; present number, 50. Marriages, 6. Burials, 12. Sunday School Scholars, 60. Contributions for

religious purposes: Communion alms, \$36.93; collections in Sunday School, \$14.47. Total, \$51.40.

A third service has been held in the Church from Septuagesima Sunday to the Sunday before Easter. During Lent we have had social religious meetings every week in private houses. A Bible Class has been conducted by a layman during four months, and has been interesting and, it is trusted, profitable to those who have attended.

St. Andrew's Church, Chelsea.

THE REV. GEORGE D. WILDES, Minister in Charge.

Baptisms, 13. Persons Confirmed, 12. Communicants: present number, 55. Burials, 1. Sunday School: Teachers, 14; Scholars, 50. Bible Class, under care of the Minister, 18. Sums raised in the Parish during the year, including subscriptions for new Church, about \$6000.

Having declined a call to the Rectorship of St. Andrew's, I have still remained in charge of the Parish during the Conventional year. In that period there has been a steady increase in the number of parishioners, and constant evidence of hearty and well-directed effort for the best interests of the Parish. The beautiful Church edifice, from the designs of A. Gilman, Esq., is nearly ready for consecration, and in its design and appointments will certainly rank among the most tasteful of our Church buildings.

In accepting a call to another Parish, the Minister cannot but testify to the uniform kindness of the congregation of St. Andrew's toward himself, and to their untiring efforts for the welfare of the Parish. The parishioners have endeavored to accomplish the purpose of erecting a sanctuary, and at the same time supporting public worship, without calling for Missionary or other aid. It is believed that their efforts to this end, and the success thus far awaiting them, will not suffer in the comparison with any other newly formed Parish in the Diocese. That God's richest blessing may rest upon the commendable purpose of the parishioners of St. Andrew's, is my hearty wish and prayer.

Essex County.*St. Peter's Church, Salem.*

THE REV. GEORGE LEEDS, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 1, infants 26,) 27. Communicants: added, 20; died or removed, 18; present number, 242. Confirmed, 17. Marriages, 13. Burials, 28. Sunday School: Scholars, 150; Teachers, 20. Contributions: General Board, \$300.38; Diocesan Board, \$234. Total, \$534.38. Other Contributions: within the Parish: Holy Communion alms, \$383.39; Prayer Books and Tracts, \$66.00. Total, \$449.39. Without the Parish: Society for the Increase of Ministry, \$75.00; Fund for Widows and Orphans of Clergy, \$40.00; Board of Missions to Seamen, \$40.00; Free Church of St. Mary for Sailors, \$40.00; Church Building Fund, \$191.00; American Bible Society, \$54.74. Other Offerings, \$79.00. Total of Contributions, \$1503.51.

It gives the Rector of this Parish much pleasure to state that a second Church has been organized in Salem, since the last Convention. The completion of the fifth quarter of a century in the history of St. Peter's was appropriately celebrated by laying the corner-stone of another sacred edifice, to be known by the name of Grace Church. The effort had its origin in the mother Parish, and the most hearty co-operation of both Rector and people. The Church building, a neat gothic structure, with a beautiful ecclesiastical interior, is now nearly completed, and will shortly be occupied by an earnest and vigorous congregation—part of whom are a colony from St. Peter's walls—while the sittings in the latter, which are about to be vacated, have been already taken up in advance by other and new parishioners. It is with ardent gratitude to God that the Rector records his conviction, that the blessing of "the joyful mother of children" rests upon this ancient Parish in her green and healthy age.

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

THE REV. JOHN B. RICHMOND, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 5, adults 5,) 10. Communicants, 89. Marriages, 5. Burials, 12. Confirmed, 20. Sunday School: Teachers, 10; Scholars, 70; average, 50. Missionary and other contributions: Foreign Missions, \$18.20; Domestic Missions, \$50.00; Bible Society, \$41.11; Danvers Plain, \$15.09; Church Ministry, \$10.01; Furniture for Lecture Room, \$31.90; Parish and incidental expenses, \$79.27; Communion Offerings, \$19.92. Total, \$265.50.

This Parish has, the past year, been blessed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit; and there have, we trust, been gathered within its folds such as shall be saved.

There have been full and multiplied services throughout the year, the usual prayers, lectures and sermons on festival and fast days.

The Sunday School, under the weekly care of the Rector, assisted by the Superintendent, is in a healthy condition. The children, in addition to their lessons, have had no lack of catechetical and other instruction from the Rector.

While there has been much to encourage, still there is a loss to the Parish in the removals by death, and from town, during the past few years, of those who once rendered efficient service in the support of religious worship; so that whatever may have been the increase, the loss has not been fully met, thus rendering our temporal foundation less stable than formerly. Our hope and trust, however, for the future, are in God.

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

THE REV. WILLIAM HORTON, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 21, adults 2,) 23. Confirmed, 28. Communicants, 150. Funerals, 20. Marriages, 5. Sunday School: Superintendent, 1; Teachers, 17; Scholars, 100. Contributions: without the Parish: To building Churches, \$81.00; Diocesan Missions, \$40.00; Jews, \$12.28; Africa, by Sunday

School, \$20.00; American Bible Society, \$25.00; American Sunday School Union, \$15.00; Theological Education, \$75.00; Communion offerings, \$112.61;—\$380.89. Within the Parish: Repairs on Church and grounds, \$450.00; gas introduced into the Church, \$250.00; Total, \$700.00.

To this amount the ladies of the Parish, as the fruit of their own efforts, contributed \$450.00.

St. James's Church, Amesbury.

THE REV. D. GORDON ESTES, Rector.

Baptisms, adults, 3. Communicants: added, 11; died or removed, 12; present number, 49. Confirmed, 7. Marriages, 1. Burials, 4. Sunday School Scholars, 40. Contributions: Offertory, \$34.34; Foreign Missions, \$5.00; Domestic Missions, \$5.00; Parochial objects, \$287.00. Total, \$331.34.

The present Rector again took charge of this Parish on the first Sunday after Easter, April 11, 1858. Its condition is indicated by the above statistics.

Christ Church, Andover.

THE REV. SAMUEL FULLER, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 2, infants 20,) 22. Confirmed, 19. Communicants: added, 24; died or removed, 14; present number, 110. Marriages, 5. Burials, 9. Sunday School, 100. Contributions: Foreign Missions, \$43.06; Widows and Orphans Society, \$10.00; Eastern District Association, \$51.31; Massachusetts Board, \$16.38; Parish objects, \$345.27. Total, \$498.02.

During the year, new lamps have been placed in the Church, the vestry-room has been improved, and the convenience and comfort of the Sunday-School room have been increased by the addition of window-curtains, a stove, and a melodeon. Both the Sunday-School room and the Church itself are quite too small for our wants.

St. Stephen's Church, Lynn.

THE REV. ISAAC W. HALLAM, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 10, adults 1,) 11. Communicants: added, 7; died, 1; removed, 5; present number, 61. Confirmed, 12. Marriages, 5. Burials, 8. Sunday School Scholars, 50. Contributions: Eastern District Missionary Association, \$10; Offertory, \$45; Ladies' Sewing Society, \$39; balance due on the Parsonage, \$850; Total, \$944. Some necessary repairs have been made on the interior of the Church, which being as yet unfinished, the cost cannot now be estimated. New carpets have been purchased for the aisles and chancel by the contributions of the ladies of the Parish. One member presented a new table and chairs for the chancel. The balance due on the Parsonage, purchased two years since, has been paid in full.

The Rector, for himself and the Parish, gratefully records their thanks to those who, with equal wisdom and kindness, commenced and completed so good a work.

Grace Church, Lawrence.

THE REV. GEORGE PACKARD, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 26. Communicants: added, 33; died or removed, 15; present number, 136. Confirmed, 37. Marriages, 15. Burials, 14. Sunday School: Superintendent, 1; Librarian, 1; Teachers, (male 5, female 15,) 20; Scholars, 155. Contributions from Sunday School: African Mission, \$10. From Parish: Missionary Association for the West, \$17; Eastern District Missionary Association, \$50; American Bible Society, \$20; American Sunday School Union, \$8; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$8; Offertory, \$123.85; Special Collections for the Poor in Parish and City, \$92.83; Special for Parish purposes, \$261.08; increase of Sunday School Library, \$105.50; Total, \$696.21.

The condition of this Parish, in a community still suffering from the business paralysis so severe a year since, is, under all its untoward circumstances, very gratifying. We hope to see

yet better days, when, with local necessities less, and means more ample, the Parish can do more for the extension of the cause of Christ.

The Rector desires to acknowledge publicly a special act of kindness and generosity during the past year, upon the part of his parishioners and friends not of his Parish, in and out of the city. The 25th anniversary of his wedding day was the occasion that elicited a testimonial of good will, which in manner and matter excited the deepest feelings of satisfaction and gratitude. Besides valuable silver ware presented, there was a pyramid of half dollars, fresh from the Mint, numbering ten hundred and sixty — the whole forming a substantial offering of friendship and confidence most cheering to his heart. For this and other manifestations of generous kindness that he has received from this people, may the Lord richly reward them.

Trinity Church, Haverhill.

THE REV. C. H. SEYMOUR, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 2, adults 4,) 6. Communicants: added, 12; removed, 3; present number, 48. Confirmed, 13. Burials, 4. Sunday School Scholars, 50. Missionary Contributions: Massachusetts Board, \$32.50; Other Contributions for religious purposes: within the Parish, \$2738.35; without the Parish, \$12.26.

The former Rector, the Rev. W. Colvin Brown, having been called to Zion Church, Newport, tendered his resignation, to take effect on and after July 1st, 1858. The present Rector assumed the charge on the 12th of September following. Since which time he has held 110 services. With the liberality which has ever characterized this Parish from the first, there have been contributed \$2738.35, — \$1200 of which have been applied to the discharge of obligations to the individuals who personally assumed this amount at the finishing of the Church. In the remainder are included the liquidation of a debt upon the organ, and the general expenses of worship. The Parish is now entirely free from all pecuniary obligations. Our acknowledgements are due

to the ladies of the Sewing Circle, for pecuniary aid and a lively interest in the growth and well-being of the Church. A plain, neatly-designed and appropriate Font has also been presented to the Church. These items tell their own story of parochial prosperity. Young and vigorous, this tree of the Lord's planting seems to have taken deep and lasting root, and through the influences of the Holy Spirit, we trust it will continue to vigorously expand, until many shall repose under the shadow of its branches.

Calvary Church, Danvers.

THE REV. ROBERT F. CHASE, Minister.

Baptisms, (infants 12, adults 2,) 14. Communicants, 28. Marriages, 1. Burials, 6. Sunday School Scholars, about 50. Contributions: Offertory, \$26.95; Diocesan Board of Missions and Pastoral Aid Committee, \$8; Foreign Missions, \$4.56; American Bible Society, \$6.50; the Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$2.35; Ladies' Circle, \$250; other Contributions, \$188.85; Total, \$487.21.

The services of the Church were commenced at Danvers, by the Rev. George Leeds, Rector of St. Peter's, Salem, who officiated repeatedly during the Summer and Autumn of 1857.

In January, 1858, morning and evening services were commenced by the present incumbent, and were afterwards continued, with gratifying results, by the Rev. Edward Cowley.

In May, after the organization of the Parish, and under the auspices of the Church Missionary Association of the Eastern District, the Minister entered permanently upon his duties. In the meantime a large and eligible hall had been secured for the exclusive use of the Parish, and furnished with great regard to decency, order, and convenience.

Much interest has been manifested in the establishment of the Church in this place, and the Minister has reason to believe that a good impression has been made not only on the minds, but also on the hearts of many. Especially among the English population residing at Tapleyville, he has labored with great encouragement.

The Bible Class assembles weekly, and the Sunday School is in a good condition.

The ladies, from the avails of their industry and zeal, have contributed towards the interests of the Parish. On Christmas Day, a service of silver, consisting of four pieces, was placed upon the Communion Table. One of the cups was presented by Mrs. Harriet Cutter Adams, of Danvers—the other by Miss Helena Louisa Ten Broeck, of Portland, Maine. The plate and paten were procured by the efforts of the ladies. From the ladies, also, the Minister received the gift of a beautiful silk gown.

Owing, chiefly, to the liberality of Joseph Adams and Edward D. Kimball, Esquires, the Parish has felt justified in accepting designs for a Church, furnished by Messrs. Ryder & Fuller of Boston; and it is confidently expected that Calvary Church will be ready for consecration the ensuing Autumn.

The Parish has been favored with the voluntary services of an excellent choir, and the Minister acknowledges the valuable assistance of E. Gay, Jr., the Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Middlesex County.

Christ Church, Cambridge.

THE REV. NICHOLAS HOPPIN, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 3, infants 28,) 31. Communicants: died or removed, 20; added, 33; present number, 178. Confirmed, 8. Married, 8. Buried, 18. Sunday Scholars, about 75. Contributions: General Domestic Missions, \$45.28; Massachusetts Board of Missions, \$54.89; Eastern District, \$40; Orphan's Home, Boston, \$153; St. Mary's Church, Boston, \$46.21; Sunday School Library, \$57.40; Communion Offertory, \$271.49; Other Parochial Objects, (including \$1266.23 from a Citizens' Fair for a set of bells for Christ Church,) \$1567.12.

Since the last Report, the Church has been furnished for lighting at night, and has been opened for night services on eleven Sundays during the last seven months; when, through the kind-

ness of the Bishop, and other clergymen of the Diocese, the Rector and congregation have had the great privilege of hearing a course of instructive and profitable sermons.

St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport.

THE REV. WILLIAM P. PAGE, Rector.

The present condition of this Church is highly encouraging. During the past year we have largely increased in numbers, so that our pews are nearly all occupied. And what is still more gratifying, by the blessing of God, there is a lively religious interest awakened among us, full of promise for the future. Among the serious discouragements under which our Church has long labored, has been a debt of some \$2000, which, through our own efforts, and the liberality of kind friends, we have been enabled to discharge. Should we continue to prosper as recently we have done, we shall soon need more room. Our present Church is small, and not altogether as it should be in other respects; and we are not without hope of having, at no very distant day, a larger and more commodious Church. For all which we have abundant cause for thankfulness.

Baptisms during the year, 20. Confirmed, 12. Marriages, 7. Funerals, 15. Present number of Communicants, about 60. Sunday School Scholars, 65.

St. Anne's Church, Lowell.

THE REV. THEODORE EDSON, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 118, adults 16,) total, 134. Communicants: added, 78; died or removed, 40; present number, 444. Confirmed, 78. Marriages, 33. Burials, 41. Sunday Schools, 450. Contributions for Religious Purposes: without the Parish, \$649; within the Parish, \$722.

God has graciously vouchsafed to this Parish a continued and evenly increasing prosperity; for which many thanks are due to his holy name. Devotional feeling has never been more observable than during the year past, and the interest in Divine worship and attendance on the Holy Communion seem to be increasing.

For two months past the Rector has had the assistance of the Rev. C. W. Homer, whose services have been recently engaged for the year. With his assistance, public worship is held both in Church and Chapel on Sundays. Our week-day services are in amount equal to a single service three days out of the six through the year.

St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls.

THE REV. B. F. DECOSTA, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 13. Communicants: died, 1; present number, 118. Marriages, 1. Burials, 5. Sunday School: Scholars, 105; Teachers, 15; Rector's Bible Class, 25. Missions: Foreign, \$14.52; Domestic, \$20; Diocesan, \$24; Eastern District Association, \$19; St. Mary's Free Church for Sailors, \$10.34. Other contributions for Religious Purposes: Parish expenses, \$97.04; Books for Sunday School, \$12.79; Raised in aid of Sunday School Library, \$40; Widows and Orphans of Clergy of Protestant Episcopal Church, \$14; Raised by the Ladies' Sewing Circle, \$40; For Poor of the Parish, \$49.12; Total, \$300.81. The sums paid for Foreign Missions, Sailors, and Books, were contributed by the Sunday School.

On account of the illness of the former faithful and efficient Rector, the Rev. Henry Burroughs, Jr., the Confirmation appointed by the Bishop for November last did not take place. It is expected, however, that a class will be presented sometime in June.

The undersigned accepted the Rectorship of this Parish on the last day of January, 1859; and is happy to report that he finds its interests in sound condition. The list of Communicants might be largely increased by adding those who, though having never been confirmed, come regularly to the Holy Communion, together with a number of Summer parishioners. The attendance upon public worship on Sundays continues large as usual, and the week-day services are also well sustained.

It is expected that during the present season the interior of the Church will be re-painted, and some other improvements

made, which the comfort and convenience of the worshippers seem to demand.

As regards the future, the Rector is hopeful. With a large congregation, a goodly list of *regular* communicants, an unusual freedom from sectarian interference, and peace within our borders, there is no reason why this Parish should not take its stand among the other vigorous and flourishing Parishes of the Diocese.

Grace Church, Newton Corner.

THE REV. J. S. COPLEY GREENE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 12, adults 5,) 17. Communicants: added, 17; died or removed, 15; present number, 65. Confirmed, 12. Marriages, 1. Burials, 7. Sunday School: Scholars, 100; Teachers and Officers, 18. Contributions: Sunday School, \$60.45; Missionary and other purposes, \$176.68; Offertory, \$119.48; Total, \$856.51.

Since my last report, a neat and convenient Chapel has been built, from plans kindly given by Mr. A. R. Esty, Architect.

About \$500 more has been paid for the building and furniture, besides the sum mentioned last May. There still remains a debt upon the building of \$1200.

The first service in the Chapel was held on the second Sunday in September.

I have held a third service in a hall at Newtonville every Sunday, beginning March 20, which I propose to continue during the present month.

St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton.

THE REV. ALFRED L. BAURY, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 6. Communicants: added, 1; died, 1; present number, from 20 to 30. Funerals, 1. Marriages, 3. Missionary Contributions, \$4.82. Alms, \$8.

As in former years, this Church has been opened for public worship from May to December, nearly every alternate Sunday.

and the services, particularly in the afternoon, during the past season have been well attended.

The number of communicants is not accurately reported, from the fact that a considerable proportion of them are not permanent residents of the town, communing in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at long intervals, and without making themselves known as such to the Rector.

A resident minister, with suitable qualifications for this station, would doubtless labor to great advantage among the large foreign population, and others favorably disposed to the Church, dwelling in Hopkinton and parts adjacent.

The incumbent has done what he could to supply this deficiency, exercising his ministry here without pecuniary consideration, and officiating as frequently as his distant residence from the Parish renders practicable.

The revenue from the Glebe, as now leased, is insufficient to meet even the incidental expenses of the Parish, including music, keeping the Church in repair, and paying the Town and State taxes, levied on the same.

St. John's Church, Charlestown.

THE REV. THOMAS R. LAMBERT, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 57, adults 6,) 63. Communicants, 230. Confirmed, 20. Marriages, 12. Burials, 27. Sunday School: Superintendent, 1; Librarian, 1; Teachers, 30; Scholars, 216. Contributions: For Sunday School Library, \$33.02; Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, \$34; Diocesan Missions, \$68; General Domestic Missions, \$61; for a Church in Wisconsin, \$50; Mission to the Jews, \$20; Other Contributions for Religious Purposes, \$25; Communion Offerings, \$338.78; Total, \$622.80.

Grace Church, Medford.

THE REV. JUSTIN FIELD, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 6, adults 1,) 7. Communicants: added, 6; died or removed, 9; present number, 41. Confirmed, 2. Mar-

riages, 1. Burials, 5. Contributions: Eastern District Missionary Association, \$30; Bible Society, \$10.

Christ Church, Waltham.

THE REV. THOMAS F. FALES, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 6, adults 12,) 18. Communicants: added, 22; died or removed, 4; present number, 86. Confirmed, 15. Marriages, 2. Burials, 2. Sunday School: Teachers, 6; Scholars, 86. Missionary Contributions: Massachusetts Board, \$91.50; General Board, \$58.20; Sunday School Missionary Collections, \$25; Other Contributions, \$247.53; Total, \$422.23.

Our ladies, with their accustomed industry, have raised, during the year, the sum of \$800, which has been appropriated to the Eastern District Missionary Association, and to various Parochial purposes. Nothing has occurred in the history of the Parish calling for especial notice in this annual report.

Trinity Church, Melrose.

THE REV. WILLIAM H. MUNROE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 9, adults 3,) 12. Communicants: added, 10; died or left, 3; present number, 40. Confirmed, 10. Marriages, 6. Burials, 6. Sunday School Scholars, 60. Contributions: within the Church, \$50; Bible Society, \$5.

This Parish, during the late financial crisis, became somewhat involved; but we are happy to say that we are now free from debt. The Parish was never more prosperous than at present. The congregation is constantly increasing, beyond our expectations. And we trust, by the Divine blessing, we shall have a Church very soon; measures having been already taken for that purpose.

St. Paul's Church, Auburndale.

THE REV. N. G. ALLEN, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 2, infants 4,) 6. Confirmed, 4. Communicants: removed, 7; added, 9; present number, 20. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1. Sunday Scholars, 33. Teachers and Superin-

tendent, 6. Collections: For Bible Society, \$5; Massachusetts Board, \$3.28; Parish Expenses, \$77.66; Total, \$85.94. **Nett Earnings of Parochial Association, \$198; Sunday School Offerings, \$23.**

The Rector takes this opportunity to express his sense of gratitude to kind friends in Boston for their welcome and timely aid, in various ways, the past year; and especially for their sympathy in his labors, and prayers for our success.

He desires also to record his sense of gratitude to Almighty God, for the signal blessings which have been vouchsafed—in the addition of new families to the Parish; the deep interest all have evinced in its temporal concerns, and the attention paid to the preaching of the blessed Gospel of salvation.

The children have purchased, by their pennies, an appropriate baptismal font, of Verd Antique marble.

To the kindness of a friend, the rent of a sweet-toned organ has been given to the Parish for one year. By this, our friends have been encouraged, through the efficient and gratuitous services of the organist, to learn all the Church music, so that we are now enabled to conduct the services in their integrity.

A beautiful and convenient reading desk and pulpit have also been placed on either side of the chancel.

May the Great Head of the Church still continue to bless us, and make our Church the birth-place of many immortal souls.

Norfolk County.

Christ Church, Quincy.

[No Report.]

St. Paul's Church, Dedham.

THE REV. SAMUEL B. BABCOCK, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 14, adults 6,) 20. Communicants: added, 21; died or removed, 18; present number, 118. Burials, 7. Sunday Scholars, 80. Missionary Contributions: Massachusetts

Board, \$99.94. Other Contributions: within the Parish, \$25,500; without the Parish, \$200.

The new Church cost \$25,000, of which \$5000 was received from insurance on the former. The ladies of the Parish have filled and forwarded two boxes of excellent clothing, &c., for two clergymen in Iowa. The Sunday School have made appropriations for the West, and individuals, never weary in well-doing, have remembered the charitable institutions of the Church to the amount of hundreds, not specified in the above statistics.

The music of the Church is admirably furnished by the energetic skill of Mr. John Shorey.

The Rector has been incapacitated for duty by severe illness, and has been indebted for many acts of kindness to his brethren, and his own parishioners have indeed proven themselves friends. We have God to bless for his favors towards us.

St. James's Church, Roxbury.

Baptisms, infants, 4. Sunday Scholars, 88; Teachers, 12. Communion Offerings, \$87.48. Contributions for Missions and other objects, \$54.06.

The above only comprises the contributions, &c., since January 1, 1859, a period of four months.

The Rectorship of St. James's Parish became vacant on the first of January, by the resignation of the Rev. John Wayland, D.D., since which time the services of the Church have been regularly performed by various clergymen.

The Rev. George S. Converse, of New York, has recently accepted a unanimous call to the Rectorship of our Parish, and is expected to commence his labors during the month of June.

SANFORD M. HUNT,
Senior Warden.

St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain.

THE REV. WILLIAM R. BABCOCK, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 2, infants 8,) 10. Communicants: added, 20; died or removed, 8; present number, 116. Confirmed, 9.

Marriages, 2. Burials, 7. Sunday School: Teachers, 12; Scholars, 65. Missionary Contributions: Foreign, (Sunday School \$21,) \$100; Domestic, (Sunday School \$21,) \$100; Diocesan, \$100; American Bible Society, \$41.52; American Sunday School Union, \$25.45; Widows and Orphans Society, \$25; Communion Alms, \$267.36; To Aid Destitute Parishes, \$80; Total, without the Parish, \$589.80; within the Parish, \$200.

Our Church is gaining in strength and numbers, and also, it is believed, in the constituents of an earnest and active piety. The steady increase of our population affords a sufficient guaranty of the future growth of the Parish. We need the blessing of the Holy Ghost to insure a corresponding spiritual advancement.

St. Mary's Church, Dorchester.

THE REV. EDWARD L. DROWN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 8, adults 2,) 10. Communicants: added, 15; died or removed, 5; present number, 100. Confirmed, 10. Marriages, 3. Burials, 8. Sunday School Scholars, 70; Teachers, 10. Contributions: without the Parish, Domestic Missions, \$114.18; Foreign, \$32.16; Diocesan, \$40; American Sunday School Union, \$27; American Bible Society, \$30; Sundries, \$123.97; Total, without the Parish, \$367.16; within the Parish, for Parish Library, furnishing the pews, and various objects, \$650.94; Total Contributions, \$1018.10.

A Parish Library has been commenced. A weekly Bible Class, largely attended, has been held regularly during the Winter. The Feast of the Epiphany was observed as the Children's Festival. About a year since, the gentlemen of the Parish, with great kindness and liberality, presented the Rector with the lease of a beautiful and commodious residence, nearly opposite his Church.

St. Paul's Church, Brookline.

THE REV. JOHN S. STONE, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, 11. Marriages, 2. Burials, 3. Confirmed 14. Communicants, about 100. Contributions to objects of Chris-

tian benevolence, &c. : Foreign Missions, \$323.13; Domestic Missions, \$260.00; Diocesan Missions \$170.00; Theological Education, \$450.50; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$349.00; Sunday Schools, \$171.44; The Poor, \$155.00; American Bible Society, \$77.00; Miscellaneous \$212.50; Total, \$2168.57.

Besides these offerings to various objects, the Parish have been engaged, during the year, in building a Chapel for Sunday School and evening Lectures, at a cost of about \$4500, — one thousand of which were a donation from the late Mrs. Sarah P. Rogers, by the hands of her brother, John Payson, Esq.; the balance having been raised by the ladies of the parish and other parochial contributors.

Plymouth County.

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.

THE REV. SAMUEL CUTLER, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 4, adults 1,) 5. Communicants: added, 6; died, 2; removed, 4; present number, 102. Confirmed 1. Married, 2. Burials, 9. Sunday School Scholars, 45. Missionary and other Contributions: For the General Board, for Foreign Missions, \$62.07, (of which \$25 is the tenth annual payment from the Dorcas Society, of the same amount, for the China Mission, and \$12.07 is from the Sunday School, for the African Mission); For Domestic Missions at the West, through the Committee at Philadelphia, \$25; For Massachusetts Board, \$60.20; Church Building at North Adams, \$10; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$25; American Sunday School Union, \$12; Mission to the Jews (Rev. Mr. Jacobi,) \$20; American Bible Society, \$67.64; Seamen's Mission, \$17.12; From the Ladies of the Society, for the Church Home, \$50; For the Widows and Orphans Society, \$20; For "Parish Visitor," "Child's Paper," "Carrier Dove," Books, Tracts, &c., distributed within the Parish, (of which amount \$10.70 was through the Sunday School Association,) \$30; For the Poor, &c. \$20; Total, within the Parish, \$50; without the Parish, \$369.03.

The names of five persons reported as added to the com-

munion, are of those members of our Church residing in Marshfield, and whose names have not before been registered on the Hanover records.

Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

[No Report.]

Christ Church, Plymouth.

[No Report.]

Bristol County.

St. Thomas's Church, Taunton.

THE REV. THOMAS H. VAIL, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 22, adults 2,) 24. Communicants: added, 86; died or removed, 5; present number, 231. Confirmed, 50. Marriages, 5. Burials, 13. Missionary and Charitable Contributions, as follows: Domestic Missions, \$350.00; Foreign Missions, \$50.00; Diocesan Missions, Massachusetts Board, \$25.00; Southern District Association, \$30.00; Feeble Parishes, \$30.00; Sunday School, \$85.11; Massachusetts Episcopal Fund, \$10.00; Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergy of Massachusetts, \$20.00; Aid to a Candidate for Holy Orders, \$25.00; Communion Alms, \$200.92. Total, \$826.03.

On March 3d of the present year, (1859,) the new Church was consecrated by the name of St. Thomas's Church. A large number of the clergy were present with the Bishop of the Diocese. The corner stone was laid on June 15th, 1857. The entire cost, exclusive of the lot, has been about \$33,000, of which, \$1500 were raised by the ladies of the Parish, and appropriated towards the furnishing of the Church. Great credit is due to the able and energetic committee who, through many and very serious discouragements, have conducted this enterprise to its successful consummation. It is worthy of record here, that the entire cost of the Church has been \$1000 less than the amount of the original subscriptions. The Church is built of black granite, trimmed throughout with cut white granite. It is a true clere-story, gothic building, in the early

English style. The glass is stained throughout. The chancel is raised and deeply recessed, and terminated by an apse. The organ room is by the side of the chancel, opposite the robing room, and the singers are in the Church, next to the organ, on the same floor with the rest of the congregation, and a part of the congregation. The acoustic effects are admirable, — all that could be desired, — both for the voices of the singers, and for the voice of the officiating minister in the services and in the pulpit.

The general condition of the Parish may be seen, from the foregoing statistics, to be prosperous; and for this we ought to be thankful to the God who has blessed us. With our increased facilities for usefulness, we may reasonably trust that, with God's continued grace, our Parish may, to some extent, fulfil its part of the vast work which Christ has appointed for his Church. "We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of thy Temple!"

Grace Church, New Bedford.

THE REV. SPENCER M. RICE, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 5, infants 27,) 32. Confirmed, 54. Marriages, 5. Burials, 12. Sunday School: Teachers, 32; Pupils, 237; Bible Class Pupils, 8. Contributions: Diocesan and other Missions, \$79.14; Offertory, \$156.51; for Sunday School, \$185.00 Number of Communicants (about) 200.

Church of the Ascension, Fall River.

THE REV. E. M. PORTER, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 37, adults 4,) 41. Communicants: added, 26; died or removed, 13; present number, 108. Confirmed, 21. Marriages, 20. Burials, 16. Sunday School Scholars, about 200. Contributions for Religious Purposes: American Bible Society, \$10; Domestic Missions, Kansas, (Lawrence,) \$3; Sunday School Library, \$29.09; Child's Paper, \$8; Communion Alms, \$32.72; Total, \$82.81. Of the above contributions, the Sunday School contributed \$32.64.

The Rector has just completed the tenth year of his rectorship.

The memoranda for that period he desires to place upon permanent record, which exhibit the following statistics: He has baptized 359 persons; presented for confirmation at nine visitations of the Diocesan, 97; there have been added to the Communion 180; he has joined in marriage 109 couples; buried 172; and made about 5200 pastoral visits.

This Parish, in its secular and spiritual affairs, remains without material change. There are several persons now ready and desirous to be confirmed.

Christ Church, Swansea.

[No report.]

Trinity Church, Pawtucket.

THE REV. J. S. TOWNSEND, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 8, infants 20,) 28. Communicants, 100. Confirmed, 28. Marriages, 2. Burials, 11. Sunday School Scholars, 85. Missionary Contributions: Diocesan Board, \$15.66; Other Contributions for Religious Purposes: within the Parish, \$96.27; without the Parish, \$4.41.

The Rector resigned his charge of this Parish, May 1st, 1859. In leaving it for another field of labor, he is happy to reflect that during his incumbency, for the last five years and four months, the number of Communicants has been more than doubled, notwithstanding losses by removals, by change of residence, death, or otherwise. There have been 39 adults baptized, and 81 children. Confirmed, 74. When he took charge of the Parish, a debt of \$2000, from recent building, was resting upon it, and the Church was without a tower and bell. More than half the pews were private property, and a number of others were pledged to individuals who assumed the Church debt in order that the new edifice might be consecrated. The Parish was dependent upon the Diocesan Missionary Board. In the Spring of 1856, the Rector offered to raise by solicitations \$3000 to meet the debt, finish the tower and furnish a bell, on condition that all the pew owners should relinquish their individual claims forever to the

Parish, so that by annual rents it might become self-supporting. He succeeded; and from the Spring of 1857, the Parish became independent of Missionary aid.

About the first of September last, I held a service at North Attleboro', by request. To my surprise, instead of some twenty-five or thirty people, (one or two Church families and a few invited friends,) as I expected, there were about two hundred present. This induced me to appoint regular services every Sunday evening, in Union Hall. These were uniformly well attended, and the 30th of March last a regular Parish was organized there, by the name of Grace Church.

On April 10th, I preached in Gleason Hall, East Attleboro', and have continued this fourth Sunday service up to the date of this report. The Hall will hold about five hundred people, and has been full. The promise here is far greater than at North Attleboro'. There is but one religious society here, (Congregational,) and the place is rapidly increasing in population, who are nearly all wealthy, or well-to-do. A great interest is felt in the Church services, and preparations are being made to organize, to raise means for the support of a Clergyman, and to build a Church and Parsonage. I have not the least doubt that, in a few years, a prosperous, self-supporting Parish, will be established here.

The Southern District Association have contributed some \$133 toward carrying on this effort in Attleboro', since September last, and have now pledged the undersigned \$300 for the next six months to devote his whole time to the two places. This, together with what may be raised by the people, will afford an ample support.

To God, who, by His Providence and His Spirit, has brought about this blessed result — to God who can make his word and his Church effective and successful through the feeblest human instrumentality — to Him be all the glory.

Nantucket County.*St. Paul's Church, Nantucket.*

THE REV. NOAH DISBROW, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 5. Communicants: present number, 20. Burials, 1. Sunday School Scholars, 18. Missionary Contributions: Massachusetts Board, \$3.

When I took charge of St. Paul's Church, in May, 1858, it had, owing to the dissensions which had unhappily prevailed, been closed for some time; and consequently the stated hearers had become very much scattered, and some, I regret to say, quite alienated from her services. My prospects, therefore, were not of the most encouraging nature; but through God's blessing, the services have been so far continued, and peace, I am thankful to say, has been preserved.

Most of the stated hearers are poor, as to worldly things, but they are willing to do what they can towards the support of their Minister; but as the business of the place has so very much decreased, they are not able to do what their willing hearts would prompt.

As a mission, it must for some time be, in a great measure, dependent upon the Board of Missions for support and existence; and, indeed, unless the present Missionary allowance is augmented, it will be impossible to continue the services.

The Church in this place has to contend with all the local and strong prejudices of those opposed to her truly scriptural services; and in a small and peculiar place, where the many are influenced by the few, the progress, therefore, must be very gradual, and her leavening influence silent, though sure. But although no accessions may be made to her communion, yet if peace prevails among her members, and they endeavor, as they ought, to bring forth in their lives and conversation the "peaceable fruits of righteousness," she must, as a promoter and conservator of true religion, do good.

Morchester County.

St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville.

THE REV. A. DECATUR SPALTER, of the Diocese of Vermont,
Officiating Clergyman.

Baptisms, (infants 1, adults 3,) 4. Communicants: added, 4; died, 2; present number, 80. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 1. Burials, 5. Sunday School Scholars, 75. Missionary Contributions: Foreign Missions, \$10.66; Domestic Missions, \$9; Communion Alms, \$12; Other Contributions for Religious Purposes, \$180; Ladies' Charitable Association, \$37.

I am happy to report the condition of this Parish as sound, scriptural, evangelical and improving. Our temporal prospects are certainly *most encouraging*; in all the obligations and intercourse of this people with their Pastor, they have been liberal, prompt, kind and noble. And what is still more gratifying, there are some very encouraging indications of spiritual prosperity among us. Some are inquiring their way to Zion, with their faces thitherward. Our earnest prayer is, that God will *abundantly* bless the means here used to promote his own glory and the salvation of men.

A warm sympathy and Christian interest have been constantly manifested toward us, from our brethren of *other names*. They have cordially united with us in our prayer meetings for *young people*, and our general prayer meetings, in our festival, in our charitable associations, in our religious services upon Christmas and upon Good Friday eve, and in all our enterprises, *social and religious*.

Much earnestness and zeal have been manifested in carrying out the duties connected with this Parish, by the true, devoted, evangelical Christians connected therewith. May their watchword ever be — "Upward" and "Onward."

Our Lord's Day services are well attended, and *many* are desirous of renting slips, who have not been attendants upon this Church previous to the past year. During the year, I estab-

lished a Reading Soiree, or Harmonial Benefit Club, which has been largely attended, (two hundred have been present at some of our sessions,) and productive of *great good* in *extending* our sympathies and fellowship, and *receiving* the cordial friendship and pure love of the Christian heart, *within* and *without* our pale.

My engagement has just closed with this kind and noble people, but they have extended a renewed, unanimous call to me, to remain with them. May the "Great Head of the Church" bless this people *abundantly* with heaven's choicest blessings, temporally and spiritually.

All Saints' Church, Worcester.

[No Report.]

Christ Church, Clappville.

THE REV. J. HILL ROUSE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 10, adults 9,) 19. Communicants: added, 15; died or removed, 6; present number, 47. Confirmed, 9. Marriages, 3. Burials, 10. Sunday School Scholars, 46. Missionary Contributions: Massachusetts Board, \$5.21; Other contributions within the Parish, \$48.00.

The condition of this Parish is as good as at any time within the last ten years. The great Head of the Church continues to smile upon us, unworthy as we are of His favors. Blessed be His holy name.

St. John's Church, Millville.

THE REV. ALFRED B. GOODRICH, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 23, adults 5,) 28. Communicants: added, 9; removed, 8; present number, 57. Confirmed, 6. Marriages, 5. Burials, 8. Sunday Scholars, about 70. Missionary Contributions; Massachusetts Board, \$8; Other contributions for religious purposes within the Parish, \$98.00; without the Parish, \$23.47.

Grace Church, West Brookfield.

THE REV. J. A. PENNIMAN, Minister.

Commenced the work of a Missionary in this town on Sunday after Easter, 1858, and had regular service through nearly one year.

Meantime a Church was legally organized, and there was more than a fulfilment of my most sanguine hopes from the people of this town. If the Church abroad had generously responded to their endeavors; if the examples of aid from one Church out of our Diocese, from St. Paul's, Stockbridge, and from private individuals, had been reasonably followed, there would have been no withdrawal of clerical service from this Church of promise.

As we had not the requisite money-basis for continuing service through another year, the minister and people took leave of each other, with the understanding that the organization of this Church should be maintained, and that at least once a year their first and only minister should give them a Sunday "labor of love." A Sunday School of 17 children, and a Ladies' Sewing Society were in operation during the greater portion of the year.

Service, with sermon, 120 times. Baptisms, (adults 5, infants 10,) 15. Confirmed, 6. Married, 1. Buried, 3. Communicants, 14, in town and vicinity. Holy Communion, 5 times, in private 8 times. Contributions: Offertory, \$26.80; Private Donations to the Missionary, \$36.00; Donation from St. Paul's, Stockbridge, \$30.00; Donation Visit, \$51.50; net proceeds of a Fair, (articles valued at \$40.00 presented for the Fair by a Sewing Society in the Church of the Ascension, New York City; articles from friends in Boston and vicinity, to something like the value of \$15.00,) \$130.00; received by sale of Prayer Books, donated by the Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society, \$10.00; another private donation, \$1.50. Total receipts of the minister, \$285.80.

Received 75 Prayer Books from the Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society, which were given away when not sold, and a few copies are still on hand.

Hampden County.*Christ Church, Springfield.*

THE REV. WILLIAM S. CHILD, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 8, infants 26,) 34. Communicants: died 6, removed, 18; present number, 211. Confirmed, 44. Marriages, 7. Burials, 16. Contributions: Sunday School Library, \$27.00; Parish Department, Church Books, \$31.25; Foreign Missions, \$29.57; Diocesan Missions, \$47.34; Nashotah, \$29.00; Domestic Committee and Special Fund, \$99.03; Iowa, \$1.00; Mr. Breck's Indian Mission, \$5.00; New York Bible and Common Prayer Book Society, \$5.00; General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union and Church Book Society, \$5.00; Protestant Episcopal Tract Society, \$5.00; The Society for the increase of the Ministry, \$100.00; Parish Debt, \$838.59; Communion Alms, &c., \$339.00. Total amount, \$1,561.78.

Grace Church, Chicopee.

THE REV. A. CROSWELL, Rector.

Baptisms, (Infants 8, adults 1,) 9. Communicants: added, 14; died or removed, 6; present number, 28. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 2. Burials, 5. Sunday School Scholars, 30. Missionary Contributions: General Board \$8.50; Massachusetts Board, \$8.00. Other Contributions for Religious Purposes, within the Parish, \$55.

Franklin County.*St. James's Church, Greenfield.*

[Vacant, by the recent death of the Rector.]

For the last year, Baptisms, 12. Number of communicants: added, 15; present number, 87. Marriages, 3. Burials 7. Confirmed, 15. Sunday School: Scholars 35; Teachers, 5.

R. E. FIELD, }
JOHN J. PIERCE, } *Wardens.*

Werkshire County.*St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough.*

THE REV. S. BRENTON SHAW, Rector.

The condition of this Parish for a long series of years has presented none of those fluctuations from one extreme to another to which many Churches are subject. The population is chiefly agricultural, and although a constant drain is made upon the young by the stronger attractions of southern and western localities, its position is firm, its congregation respectable, and its support from the beginning, ninety-two years ago, solely dependent upon its own members.

During the past year not a single death has occurred. The breaking out of the small pox during the early part of Lent, near the Church, very much interfered with the usual ministrations of the sanctuary, and prevented the Easter Collection for Missions.

In August last the Church was struck by lightning, which essentially injured the tower and a portion of the body of the Church. Its preservation was almost miraculous. To repair the injury has exhausted means which probably would have been otherwise applied. Considerable sums for benevolent purposes have been raised, of which no account has been made.

The Records present the following statistics :

Baptisms, infants, 3. Communicants: added, 4; Died or removed, 3; present number, about 70. Marriages, 1; Burials, (of Pittsfield,) 2. Confirmed 4; Sunday Scholars and Teachers, 70. Contributions: Diocesan Missions, \$11; For Sunday School, \$29; Other contributions, \$418.75. Total, \$558.75.

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.

THE REV. W. H. N. STEWART, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 16, adults 8,) 24. Confirmed, 17. Communicants, 98. Sunday School: Scholars 60; Teachers 5. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 6. Offerings for Missions, viz: Diocesan (to meet the debt,) \$25.00; Domestic, \$18.24; Foreign,
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\$36.00. Special offerings, viz: North Adams, \$13; Kansas, \$10; Weston, Missouri, \$5; Rev. R. Hoyt, \$26; German Missions, \$4.50; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, \$7.43. Total for objects outside the Parish, \$145.17. Other contributions, viz: Improvements on Rectory, \$140; Ladies' work at Christmas, \$75.00; Weekly Offertory from June to September, \$103.93; Interest on the Parish Fund, \$367.84; Receipts by Treasurer from Pew Rents, &c., \$1022.79. Total income from every source, \$1844.73.

I have, during the winter, held missionary services in the villages of Barkersville and Stearnsville, which have been very well attended, and have resulted in attaching a number of individuals and families to the Church. I continue to visit there from house to house, and I am grateful to God for the interest in religion which His spirit has awakened and hitherto sustained.

St. James's Church, Great Barrington.

[No Report.]

Trinity Church, Van Deusenville.

THE REV. LEWIS GREEN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 2, adults 2,) 4. Communicants: added, 4; died or removed, 6; present number, 31. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 4. Burials, 6. Sunday School Scholars, 30. Missionary Contributions, Massachusetts Board, \$13.00. Other contributions for religious purposes within the Parish, Communion offerings, \$20.21.

The Parish has suffered severely by deaths and removals. Mr. Eber Stone, who had been Senior Warden from the organization of the Parish, has been called away. He was a devout and faithful servant of the Lord, deeply interested in all things pertaining to the Church, and active in efforts to build it up. The loss of such a man it is hard to supply. "Our help is in the name of the Lord."

St. Andrew's Church, New Boston.

[No Report.]

St. Paul's Church, Otis.

[No Report.]

St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.

THE REV. S. P. PARKER, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 8, adults 6,) 14. Communicants: added, 14; died or removed, 3; present number, 72. Confirmed, 21. Burials, 5. Sunday School: Scholars, 60; Teachers, 8. Offertory, (including Massachusetts Board of Missions, \$20.00, and New York Bible and Prayer Book Society, \$25.00,) \$114.50. Contributions: For poor of Parish, \$70.00; For other Parish objects, \$100.00; To Grace Church, Brookfield, \$32.00; To Trinity Church Van Deusenville, \$25.00. Total, \$341.50.

The present Rector entered upon the care of this Church at Easter, 1858. An effort is to be made to enlarge the Church edifice. One double the size of the present is needed, in order to do the Master's work. Forty additional sittings could have been rented the past year. Forty more are needed at once for the poor and for strangers. The Church in this village has reached the masses, and attracted their confidence; and our narrow walls obstruct much the ability to do good.

It is a matter of gratulation with people and pastor that we have secured the associate services of the Rev. J. A. Penniman, in the charge of this Parish, in connection with Trinity Church, Lenox. To his former labors and sympathies with the poor, as the instrument of God, much of the present prosperity of this Parish is owing.

Trinity Church, Lenox.

THE REV. S. P. PARKER, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 1, infants 7,) 8. Communicants: added, 40; died or removed, 6; present number, 47. Confirmed 14. Marriages, 2. Burials, 3. Sunday School: Scholars, 25; Teachers, 4. Families, 35. Offertory, (including Massachusetts Board of Missions, \$31.78; New York Bible and Prayer Book Society,

\$40.00; Sunday School, \$16.00,) \$320.00. Contributions of Parish to Parish objects, \$710.00. Total, \$1030.00.

The report of Trinity Church, Lenox, for the year ending May, 1858, was duly forwarded by mail, but miscarried. The fact was not discovered till after the publication of the journal. The present Report, therefore, includes a little more than two years.

The present Rector took charge of the Church in May, 1857. It was then feeble and depressed. The two past years have been marked by the Divine blessing, as shown by the statistics. The contributions recorded do not include a Fair, which, if added, would increase the amount raised, exclusive of pew rents, by \$300.00. The number of communicants has more than tripled. The accession of several families of wealth, attached to the Church, who have become town residents, promises to make the Parish stable and strong. The Church edifice has been repaired. There is no debt. The zeal of the members indicates inward life with Christ.

St. John's Church, North Adams.

[No Report.]

St. George's Church, Lee.

THE REV. G. T. CHAPMAN, D. D., Minister.

Baptisms, (infants 9, adults 4,) 13. Confirmed, 13. Communicants: added, 16; removed, 2; present number, 42. Marriages, 3.

At the termination of seventeen months, on this fourth day of May, 1859, I still find myself materially disabled, owing to the accident recorded in my last report, from those frequent parochial visitations, which are so essential to the vigorous prosperity of any Church. And although my parishioners have unanimously urged a longer continuance with them, yet have I deemed it of imperative necessity to relinquish my position at St. George's. The farewell sermon was preached on Easter Sunday, April 24th,

1859, when I parted with a kind and affectionate people, with whom I had a truly pleasant and harmonious intercourse of nearly three years' duration. Heartily are they recommended to the grace and protection of Almighty God, and devoutly do my prayers ascend to Him, that he would forthwith send them a Pastor, who may abundantly supply my very imperfect services, so that holding forth Christ crucified as the sole ground for the hope of salvation to our perishing race, he may happily set them forward on the right way which leadeth to everlasting life.

Within the last ecclesiastical year, a fair was held by the zealous ladies of the Church, which yielded the substantial sum of near one thousand dollars. In addition to this, noble presents have been received of a costly marble font from Italy, by Charles Heebner, Esq.; of a very handsome communion service and two large and beautiful Gothic chairs for the chancel, by the Hon. Lester Filley; and of fourteen lamps for the lighting of the Church, at the joint expense of these two gentlemen. From the avails of the Fair, the body of the Church, with the chancel, vestry, and vestibule, has been carpeted, and the pews cushioned.

Here, therefore, my report would have concluded, had it not been for a most extraordinary statement, appearing in the last Diocesan Journal, as part of the parochial report of the Rev. Mr. Stewart, of St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield. Were it not for its descent to posterity, no notice would be taken of this unprecedented feature in our records; inasmuch as I believe the almost, if not quite, universal opinion in the Diocese, in commendation of my proceedings, is well known. And even now, far from assuming a belligerent attitude towards an erring brother clergyman, or indulging in unprofitable recriminations, I shall merely advert to two particulars of his highly colored charges: (1.) After stating his request to me for an acknowledgment of error, he writes: "But Dr. Chapman, although he knows he has done wrong, has kept silence." To which my answer is, that I know no such thing, and that, under similar circumstances, I should pursue the same course, rather than suffer a deceased lady and friend to be interred without the observance of our funeral solemnities. (2.) Mr. Stewart complains that after the

expiration of "more than six months" from the time information of my "breach of the law was lodged with the Standing Committee," nothing has been heard from them "by the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry" of St. Stephen's, "of the way the case has been disposed of." The reason for this omission is unknown to me. But the subjoined letter, to my direction, may possibly incline the principal informer to think that it resulted from the spirit of tenderness towards himself:

"Boston, Dec. 14, 1857.

Rev. and Dear Bro. :—At a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, holden this day, it was unanimously voted that the matter of the charges made against the Rev. George T. Chapman, D. D., be indefinitely postponed. Congratulating you on the happy and just termination of this vexatious affair, I am very truly yours,

GEO. M. RANDALL, *Secretary, &c.*"

At this meeting I was not present, but with a condensed statement of my own, I took good care that five letters of the Rev. Mr. Stewart to me should not be wanting to exculpate me fully from all real or even imaginary blame, in what I shall ever consider a praiseworthy disregard of Clerical assumption.

Barnstable County.

The Church of the Messiah, Wood's Hole.

THE REV. T. B. FLOWER, Rector.

Communicants, 14. Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 2. Burials, 1. Baptisms, (adults 2, infants 1.) 3. Diocesan Missions, \$26.90. Foreign Missions: Africa, \$10; Japan, \$10; Sunday School for China, \$3.23. Domestic Missions, \$17. Offertory, \$22. Young Ladies' Sewing Circle for Parish Library, \$35. Sunday School Scholars, 31; Teachers, 4.

The Sunday School room has been finished by the generosity of a kind and devoted friend, who frequently lends us aid in the

time of need. The room is now occupied by the Sunday School, which is in quite a flourishing condition.

There has been quite a religious interest in the Parish during the last winter. They have enjoyed a refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Several persons are ready for confirmation at the approaching visitation of the Bishop.

St. John's Church, Sandwich.

[No Report.]

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :

Having made the effort to preach the past year, and found it prejudicial to my bodily health, I have been obliged to content myself with engaging, as opportunities have offered, in other departments of ministerial labor — visiting the sick, comforting the afflicted, aiding in performing the services of the Church, and in administering the Holy Communion.

GEORGE C. SHEPARD.

New York, May 2, 1859.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :

During the last year I have been attached to the Boston Navy Yard, and have regularly performed divine service and preached on Sundays, on board the receiving ship "Ohio." The number attending these services has varied from about 150 to about 400. For the last two months I have held a Bible Class on board, and though its number has been small, the exercises appear to have been interesting to the seamen engaged in them, and I trust that they have been useful.

In addition to my duties as Chaplain, I have preached nine times in different Churches in the Diocese, and assisted three times in the administration of the Holy Communion.

Funerals, 4.

M. B. CHASE, *Chaplain U. S. Navy.*

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :

I have preached, in behalf of the American Bible Society, during the past conventional year, in the following Churches, viz: In *Massachusetts*.—Christ Church, Waltham; St. Peter's Cambridgeport; Grace Church, Newton Corner; St. Paul's, Brookline; St. Mary's, Dorchester; St. Paul's, Newburyport; Grace Church, Lawrence; St. Michael's, Marblehead; St. Peter's Church, Salem; St. Paul's Church, Auburndale; Grace Church, Medford; St. John's, Jamaica Plain; Grace Church, Boston; St. John's, East Boston; St. Matthew's, South Boston; Trinity Church, Boston; St. Paul's Church, Boston; St. Andrew's, Hanover; St. Paul's, Dedham; Christ Church, Boston; Church of the Messiah, Boston; Church of the Ascension, Fall River; St. James's Church, Greenfield; St. John's, Northampton; Calvary Church, Danvers; St. John's, Haverhill.

Vermont.—St. Andrew's Church, Norwich.

New Hampshire.—St. Thomas's Church, Hanover.

New York.—Christ Church, Bay Ridge.

New Jersey.—Trinity Church, Princeton; St. Andrew's Church, Mount Holley; St. Michael's Church, Trenton.

Pennsylvania.—St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia; Church of the Epiphany, St. Luke's Church, Church of the Advent, St. Paul's Church, Grace Church, St. Jude's Church, Trinity Chapel, Church of the Covenant, Church of the Mediator, Church of the Atonement, Emanuel Church, Church of the Saviour, Gloria Dei Church, Church of the Nativity.

Rhode Island.—Grace Church, Providence; St. John's Church, Providence; Trinity Church, Newport, and Zion Church, Newport.

Among both clergy and laity the interest in the enlarged circulation of God's Word is a deep and growing one. This is but natural. A Bible church will send forth the Bible as its best advocate and missionary. As all Church principles are contained in it, so it may safely go abroad everywhere. As it is sent out in our own translation, made by the Mother Church, so we will give it free course, even if other hands than our own aid us in

the work. As it is God's Word, and he has said it shall fill the earth "as the waters cover the sea," so we will not let our own indifference or a narrow and false view of its province delay the fulfilment of his command. "The word of the Lord is not bound." The true churchman will not then load it with chains, but will carry it abroad to all thirsting and perishing souls.

During the past year, notwithstanding the embarrassments in business in the early part of it, the response to our annual call has been prompt and generous. The collections made in this Diocese will appear in the Parochial reports, and also in the report of the Massachusetts Bible Society, as nearly all of them have passed through its treasury.

EDMUND F. SLAFTER.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :

The undersigned has officiated, to the extent of his ability, during the last year, assisting his brethren of Boston and its vicinity, more particularly the Rector of St. Paul's, Brookline.

THEODORE W. SNOW.

Jamaica Plain.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese :

The subscriber has the pleasure to report performance of clerical duty, uninterruptedly, throughout the year.

Burials, 2, (duly reported.) Assisted in the administration of the Holy Communion on eleven occasions; administered on seven occasions.

F. A. FOXCROFT.

Boston, May 3, 1859.

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D., }
Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts : }*

Severe illness compelled me, in November, 1858, to relinquish the charge of St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls, which I had held for two years, and obliged me to rest for a time from all public duties.

I have now, by the blessing of our Heavenly Father, recovered my health. I preached, for the first time since my illness, on Sunday last, in St. Matthew's Church, South Boston. I have also baptized two children.

HENRY BURROUGHS, JR.

Boston, May 4, 1859.

To the Right Reverend the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :

I beg leave respectfully to report, that since my ordination as Deacon, on the 14th day of April last, I have read service five times, preached seven times, and attended two funerals.

J. I. T. COOLIDGE,

Deacon in the Diocese of Massachusetts.

May 4, 1859.

To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D., }
Bishop of the Diocese :

The undersigned respectfully reports, that since November last he has been performing Parochial duty in the Parish of Grace Church, Boston, during the temporary absence of the Rector, the Rev. Dr. Mason.

CHARLES H. WHEELER.

Boston, May 4, 1859.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese :

The undersigned respectfully reports that his duties as Principal of a School for Young Ladies in Boston have necessarily occupied most of his time and attention during the past year. He has however occasionally rendered assistance in the performance of the Sunday services of the Church, and has united one couple in holy matrimony.

D. G. HASKINS.

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D., }
Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts : }*

I herewith beg leave to report that, from the close of the last Convention to the 26th of June, I assisted several of the clergy of the Diocese; then I was engaged to supply St. Stephen's Church, Portland, Maine, during the illness of the Rector, which I did for twelve Sundays — baptizing three children and attending eleven funerals; after which I officiated in Christ Church, Lonsdale, Rhode Island, for five Sundays, when I received an unanimous call from the Parish to the Rectorship of the same. Hence, on the 23d of December, 1858, I was advanced by yourself to the Priesthood; and, having accepted the call to Rhode Island, was subsequently transferred to that Diocese.

Very respectfully,

EDWARD COWLEY.

Lonsdale, Rhode Island, May 2, 1859.

Abstract of Parochial Reports.

MAY, 1859.

Towns.	Churches.	Rectors.	Baptisms.			Communi- cants.			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sunday Scholars.	Co rel	
			Infants.	Adults.	Total.	Added.	Died, or removed.	Present Number.						
Amesbury	St. James's	D. G. Estes	....	3	3	1	12	49	7	1	4	40	8
Auburndale	St. Paul's	N. G. Allen	4	2	6	1	7	20	4	1	1	33	1	
Andover	Christ	S. Fuller, D. D.	20	2	22	24	14	110	19	5	9	109	1	
Ashfield	St. John's*	C. Cleveland	....	....	....	....	....	237	4	....	....	207	....
Boston	Trinity	M. Eastburn, D. D.	23	6	29	....	....	400	31	20	29	186	61
	Christ	J. Cotton Smith	63	....	63	22	98	96	12	14	15	90	1
	St. Paul's	W. T. Smithett	15	13	28	32	....	385	30	6	8	141	43
	Grace	C. Mason, D. D.	7	3	10	7	6	200	5	4	8	120	2	
	Messiah	G. M. Randall, D. D.	33	7	40	70	34	359	34	7	22	235	4	
	St. Matthew's	J. H. Clinch	38	3	41	24	19	93	....	11	35	160	....
	St. John's	S. J. Evans	19	....	19	4	4	50	....	1	8	160	....
	Advent	Vacant	38	10	48	35	15	373	26	11	17	115	20	
	St. Mark's	M. P. Stickney.	19	2	21	70	13	182	13	6	13	....	....
	St. Stephen's	C. F. Knight	66	....	66	....	....	430	15	32	34	85	11
Bridgewater	Seaman's Chapl	E. M. P. Wells, D. D.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	St. Mary's	Vacant.	16	3	19	10	....	95	10	10	10	60	....
	Trinity*	J. P. Robinson	....	....	....	....	....	207	1	....	....	....	....
	Grace	Vacant	10	5	15	....	....	14	6	1	3	17	....
	St. Paul's	J. S. Stone, D. D.	11	....	11	....	....	106	14	2	3	....	16
	Christ	N. Hopkin	28	3	31	30	20	178	8	8	18	75	3	
	St. Peter's	W. P. Page	20	....	20	....	....	60	12	7	15	65	....
	St. John's	T. R. Lambert	57	6	63	....	....	230	20	12	27	216	9
	St. Luke's	W. S. Bartlet	12	1	13	5	9	50	....	6	12	60	....
	St. Andrew's	Vacant	13	....	13	....	....	55	12	....	1	88	....
Chicopee	Grace	A. Croswell	8	1	9	1	6	28	5	2	5	30	....
	Clappville	Christ	10	9	19	15	6	47	9	3	10	46	....
	Danvers	Calvary	12	2	14	....	....	28	....	1	6	50	....
	Dedham	St. Paul's	14	6	20	21	18	118	19	....	7	80	3
	Dorchester	St. Mary's	8	2	10	15	5	100	10	3	8	70	3	
	Fall River	E. L. Drown	37	4	41	26	13	194	21	20	16	200	....
	Great Barrington	Ascension	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	St. James's*	C. A. L. Richards	....	....	....	....	....	1207	13	....	....	607	....
	Greenfield	Vacant	12	....	12	15	....	87	15	3	7	35	....
	Hanover	St. Andrew's	4	1	5	6	6	102	1	2	9	45	2	
Haverhill	Trinity	S. Cutler	2	4	6	12	3	48	13	....	4	50	....
	C. H. Seymour	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	Hopkinton	C. H. Seymour	6	....	6	....	....	1	25	....	....	....	....
	St. Paul's	A. L. Baury	3	....	3	....	....	3	70	4	1	2	70
	Lanesborough	S. B. Shaw	26	....	26	31	15	136	37	15	14	156	1
	Lawrence	G. Packard	9	1	10	11	2	41	13	3	....	....	....
	Lee	Vacant	7	1	8	40	6	47	14	2	3	25	....
	Lenox	Trinity	118	10	128	78	40	14	74	33	41	450	6	
	Lowell	St. Anne's	10	1	11	7	6	61	12	5	8	50	....
	Lynn	St. Stephen's	5	5	10	....	....	80	20	5	12	71	1
Marblehead	St. Michael's	J. B. Richmond	6	1	7	6	9	41	2	1	5	407	....
	Grace	J. Field	9	3	12	10	3	40	10	6	6	60	....
	Trinity	W. H. Munroe	23	5	28	9	8	57	6	5	8	70	....
	St. John's	A. B. Goo Irich	5	....	5	....	....	20	....	1	15	....	....
	Nantucket	St. Paul's	27	5	32	....	....	200	54	5	12	245	....
	New Bedford	Grace	21	2	23	....	....	150	28	5	29	100	3
	Newburyport	St. Paul's	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	New Boston	St. Andrew's*	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	St. Mary's	Vacant	13	....	13	....	....	1	18	1	5	130	10
	Newton	Grace	B. F. De Costa	12	5	17	17	15	65	12	1	7	100	25
St. John's*		J. S. C. Greene	....	....	....	....	....	227	6	....	....	207	....
St. John's*		S. R. Jones	....	....	....	....	....	1467	25	....	....	647	....
St. Paul's*		Vacant	....	....	....	....	....	277	1	....	....	....	....
Trinity		Vacant	29	8	28	....	....	100	28	9	11	85	2
Christ*		Vacant	....	....	....	....	....	277	....	....	....	147	....
St. Stephen's		W. H. N. Stewart	16	8	24	....	....	98	17	1	6	60	14
Christ*		W. B. Colburn	....	....	....	....	....	567	....	....	....	537	....
Roxbury		G. S. Converse	4	....	4	....	....	1307	....	....	....	88	3
Salem		St. John's	8	2	10	20	6	116	9	2	7	65	53	
Sandwich	St. Peter's	W. R. Babcock	26	1	27	20	18	242	17	13	28	150	105	
	St. John's*	G. Leeds	....	....	....	....	....	167	....	....	....	....	....
	Christ	Vacant.	26	8	34	19	211	44	7	16	1297	32
	St. Paul's	W. S. Child	8	6	14	14	3	72	21	....	5	62	10
	Swansea	S. P. Parker	....	....	....	....	....	167	....	....	....	....	....
	Christ*	N. W. Munroe	....	....	....	....	....	167	....	....	....	....	....
	Taunton	T. H. Veil, D. D.	22	2	24	86	5	231	50	5	13	2807	54	
	Van Deusenville	L. Green	2	9	4	4	6	31	4	4	6	30	1	
	Waltham	T. F. Fales	6	12	18	22	4	86	15	2	2	36	17	
	Wilkinsonville	A. D. Spalter	1	3	4	4	2	80	4	1	5	75	2	
Wood's Hole	St. John's	T. B. Flower	1	2	3	....	....	14	3	2	1	31	6
	Messiah	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	All Saints*	A. C. Patterson	....	....	....	....	....	887	3	....	....	707	....
Worcester	....	J. T. Burrill	5	1	6	....	....	....	2	13	....	....	....
House of Correc.	....	....	1064	201	1265	880	410	7780	929	331	621	5721	233

* No Report.

† Number last reported.

Dr. BOARD OF MISSIONS TO SEAMEN in account with B. C. CLARK, Treasurer. Cr.

1859.		1859.	
May 3.	To balance of old Account,.....	\$458 49	By amount received for sundry Collections, ...
	" Rev. J. Irwin, (salary),.....	1200 00	May 3. By Balance due Treasurer,
	" G. McKennon, Sexton,.....	78 00	
	" C. E. Irwin, Organist,	100 00	
	" Rent,	250 00	
	" Gas,	32 50	
	" Sundries, per book,.....	183 67	
		<u>\$2302 66</u>	
May 3.	To Balance,.....	\$963 89	
		(E. E.)	
			B. C. CLARK, Treasurer.

Appendix.

Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., President Board of Missions to Seamen :

Sir : — Herewith please to find my account with the Board of Missions to Seamen. Balance due to the Treasurer, \$963.89. This sum does not include the generous donation of \$2000.00 left to this Mission by Mr. Whall,—the same not having yet been received. I can, from personal observation at the Chapel, confirm the statements in the Report of the Board in relation to the truly prosperous course of this Mission.

Boston, May 3, 1859.

Respectfully your Obedt Serv't,
B. C. CLARK,
Treasurer Board of Missions to Seamen.

Dr. CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS

1859.		
May.	Rev. Lewis Green, travel,	\$10 00
"	Rev. W. H. N. Stewart, travel,	8 00
"	Rev. Andrew Croswell, travel,	6 00
"	Rev. N. Disbrow, travel,	8 00
"	Rev. Samuel B. Shaw, travel,	10 00
"	Rev. T. B. Flower, travel,	5 00
"	Rev. J. S. Townsend, travel,	3 50
"	Rev. J. H. Rouse, travel,	5 00
	Mr. R. Dillon, services,	6 00
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	Cash on hand,	\$61 50
		390 57
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		\$452 07

IN ARREARS.

1857.

Trinity Church, Lenox.		St. Andrew's Church, New Boston.
St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport.		

1858.

Trinity Church, Lenox.	|	St. Paul's Church, Otis.
St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport.	|	Trinity Church, Melrose.
St. Andrew's Church, New Boston.	|	Grace Church, Medford.

1859.

St. Paul's Church, Auburndale.	|	Grace Church, Medford.
St. John's Church, Ashfield.	|	Trinity Church, Melrose.
St. John's Church, Boston.	|	St. John's Church, Millville.
Christ Church, Boston.	|	St. Paul's Church, Nantucket.
St. Mark's Church, Boston.	|	St. Andrew's Church, New Boston.
Trinity Church, Bridgewater.	|	St. John's Church, Northampton.
St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport.	|	St. Paul's Church, Otis.
St. James's Church, Greenfield.	|	Christ Church, Quincy.
St. George's Church, Lee.		All Saints' Church, Worcester.
St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.		

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in account with S. B. BABCOCK, Treasurer.

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1859.		
May 4 & 5	Cash on hand,	5 57
"	Advent Church, Boston,	20 00
"	Grace Church, Boston,	15 00
"	Trinity Church, Boston,	30 00
"	St. Paul's Church, Boston,	35 00
"	Church of the Messiah, Boston,	20 00
"	St. Matthew's Church, Boston,	10 00
"	Christ Church, Andover,	9 00
"	St. Paul's Church, Brookline,	20 00
"	St. Luke's, Church Chelsea,	3 00
"	St. Andrew's Church, Chelsea,	10 00
"	Christ Church, Clappville,	5 00
"	Grace Church, Chicopee,	4 00
"	Christ Church, Cambridge,	11 00
"	St. John's Church, Charlestown,	15 00
"	St. Paul's Church, Dedham,	12 00
"	St. Mary's Church, Dorchester,	10 00
"	Ascension Church, Fall River,	6 00
"	St. James's Church, Greenfield, (1853),	10 00
"	St. James's Church, Great Barrington,	9 00
"	St. Andrew's Church, Hanover,	8 00
"	Trinity Church, Haverhill,	9 00
"	St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain,	15 00
"	St. Luke's Church, Lanesboro',	6 00
"	St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls,	8 00
"	Grace Church, Lawrence,	10 00
"	Trinity Church, Lenox,	5 00
"	St. Anne's Church, Lowell,	16 00
"	St. Paul's Church, Newburyport,	8 00
"	Grace Church, Newton Corner,	7 50
"	Grace Church, New Bedford,	12 00
"	St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield,	10 00
"	Trinity Church, Pawtucket,	6 00
"	St. James's Church, Roxbury,	10 00
"	St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge,	6 00
"	Christ Church, Springfield,	12 50
"	St. Peter's Church, Salem,	15 00
"	Christ Church, Swansea,	3 00
"	St. Thomas's Church, Taunton,	10 00
"	Trinity Church, Vandeusenville,	2 50
"	St. John's Church, Wilkinsons ville,	4 00
"	Church of Messiah, Wood's Hole,	2 00
"	Christ Church, Waltham, ..	7 00
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SAMUEL B. BABCOCK, Treasurer.

The Treasurer respectfully reminds the Churches, whose names do not appear in the List of Payers, that this year we have to pay extras for printing the Bishop's Charge—for the quota to General Convention, and the travel of the Clerical Delegates to Richmond, Virginia. Please pay promptly.

Dedham, June 1, 1859.

DR. SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF WIDOWS AND ORPHANS

		Charity Fund.	Annuity Fund.
1858.			
May 28.	For amount deposited in the Mass. Hospital Life Insurance Company.....		\$1000 00
July 1.	Cash paid widow of Dr. Strong.....	\$15 00	
Oct. 1.	" " "	15 00	
1859.			
Jan'y 1.	" " "	15 00	
14.	" Orphan of Dr. Croswell.....	10 00	
14.	" Widow of Bishop Griswold.....	15 00	
April 1.	" " "	15 00	
1.	" Widow of Dr. Strong.....	15 00	
4.	" Orphan of Dr. Croswell.....	10 00	
26.	Amount deposited in Mass. Hospital Life Ins. Co. for Charity Fund.....	1200 00	
29.	Cash paid for Postage, &c.....	2 48	
		1312 48	1000 00
May 3.	Cash on hand to new account, viz.:—Charity Fund.....	67 02	
	Annuity Fund.....		266 83
		\$1379 50	\$1266 83

The undersigned, as auditors, have examined the foregoing account and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched. They have also seen the evidences of the invested property.

Boston, May 3, 1869.

FRED. H. STIMPSON,
JAMES C. MERRILL.

in account with ALFRED L. BAURY, Treasurer.

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		Charity Fund.	Annuity Fund.
1858.			
May 4.	By Cash on hand from old account,	\$947 18	\$289 19
5.	Offertory at Convention,	79 83	
"	St. Matthew's, South Boston, Sub. of Rev.		
	Mr. Clinch, 1857 and 1858,		20 00
"	St. Stephen's, Pittsfield,	8 60	
"	St. John's, Jamaica Plain,	25 00	
"	Christ Church, Andover, (\$10 for Dr. Fuller,)	7 82	10 00
	Grace Church, Lawrence, (Dr. Packard's sub.)		25 00
	St. Peter's, Salem,	35 50	
	Rev. W. Horton, D. D.,	1 00	
6.	2 Coupons, City of Bath Loan,		60 00
12.	Rev. Dr. Edson, to complete payment of class of \$25, from 1848, as per vote of Society,		100 05
16.	Rev. Lewis Green, Trinity, Van Deusenville,		5 00
Aug. 2.	St. Paul's Church, Boston,	50 00	
23.	Interest on City of Boston Bond,		25 00
Nov. 4.	One Coupon, City of Bath Loan,		30 00
26.	Dividends,		247 00
1859.	City of Bath Loan,		30 00
Jan. 10.	Donation from Mrs. J. E. Thayer, per Hon. W. Appleton,	50 00	
"	Rev. E. A. Renouf, Annual Subscription, ...	2 00	
Feb. 22.	" R. J. Parvin, Sub. '58, \$15.09, do. '59, \$10,		25 09
Mar. 23.	Church of the Messiah, (for Dr. Randall, \$25,)	17 00	25 00
April 4.	St. Mary's, Newton Lower Falls,	14 00	
5.	Calvary Church, Danvers,	2 35	
8.	St. John's, Charlestown,	34 00	
9.	Dividends,		250 50
9.	St. Anne's, Lowell, (for Dr. Edson, \$25,)	18 12	25 00
15.	St. James's, Great Barrington,	13 86	
16.	Grace Church, Lawrence, for Dr. Packard,		25 00
25.	St. Thomas's Taunton,	20 00	
30.	Church of the Advent, Boston, (for Rev. Mr. Stickney, \$10,)	52 84	10 00
	F. H. Stimpson, Annual Subscription,	1 00	
May 3.	Interest on City of Bath Bond, to May 1, 1859,		30 00
	Interest on City of Boston Bond, to Jan. 1, '59,		25 00
	St. Matthew's, S. Boston, for Rev. Mr. Clinch,		10 00
		1379 50	1266 83

Boston, May 3, 1859.

[Errors excepted.]

ALFRED L. BAURY, Treasurer.

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED BY THE TREASURER.

From whom received.	Dionesian.	Domestic.	Foreign.	Special.	Total.
Andover—Christ Church, -	\$67 69	..	..	..	67 69
Ashfield—St. John's, -	..	..	..	..	..
Amesbury—St. James's, -	..	5 00	5 00	..	10 00
Auburndale—St. Paul's, -	3 25	..	..	5 00	8 25
Boston—Advent, -	15 36	45 10	10 00	..	70 46
"—Christ, -	42 00	75 00	..	..	117 00
"—Grace, -	133 00	..	60 00	..	193 00
"—St. John's, -	10 00	..	..	..	10 00
"—St. Matthew's, -	27 00	..	10 00	..	37 00
"—Messiah, -	62 61	125 00	40 00	127 36	354 97
"—Mark's, -	28 40	..	..	..	28 40
"—St. Paul's, -	621 82	379 02	1213 04	135 00	2348 88
"—St. Stephen's, -	25 00	..	..	..	25 00
"—Trinity, -	604 55	14 20	231 90	..	850 65
Bridgewater—Trinity, -	..	..	..	..	..
Brookline—St. Paul's, -	..	..	..	..	..
Chicopee—Grace, -	8 00	..	..	..	8 00
Cambridge—Christ, -	97 00	46 00	..	..	143 00
Cambridgeport—St. Peter's, -	..	..	..	..	..
Charlestown—St. John's, -	63 00	61 00	..	..	124 00
Chelsea—St. Luke's, -	12 26	..	..	..	12 26
"—St. Andrew's, -	..	..	..	..	..
Clappville—Christ, -	5 21	..	..	..	5 21
Dedham—St. Paul's, -	56 01	..	..	..	56 01
Danvers—Calvary, -	8 00	..	..	..	8 00
Dorchester—St. Mary's, -	30 00	67 00	32 16	..	129 16
Fall River—Ascension, -	..	3 00	..	..	3 00
Great Barrington—St. James's	16 73	..	..	..	16 73
Greenfield—St. James's, -	..	..	..	..	..
Haverhill—Trinity, -	30 50	..	..	..	30 50
Hanover—St. Andrew's, -	60 20	25 00	62 07	..	147 27
Hopkinton—St. Paul's, -	..	2 50	2 50	..	5 00
Jamaica Plain—St. John's,	100 00	75 00	75 00	10 00	260 00
Lanesboro'—St. Luke's, -	5 00	..	..	..	5 00
Lawrence—Grace, -	50 00	..	..	..	50 00
Lenox—Trinity, -	11 73	..	..	..	11 73
Lowell—St. Anne's, -	185 00	..	..	..	185 00
Lee, —St. George's, -	7 00	..	..	..	7 00
Lynn—St. Stephen's, -	10 00	..	..	..	10 00
Marblehead—St. Michael's,	15 00	..	13 17	..	28 17
Medford—Grace, -	22 50	..	..	..	22 50
Milville—St. John's, -	10 00	..	..	..	10 00
Milrose—St. Luke's, -	..	..	..	..	..
Nantucket—St. Paul's, -	3 00	..	..	..	3 00
New Bedford—Grace, -	46 71	..	..	..	46 71
Newton Corner—Grace, -	106 50	..	..	18 00	124 50
Newburyport—St. Paul's, -	40 00	..	..	..	40 00
New Boston—St. Andrew's, -	..	..	..	..	..
Newton L. Falls—St. Mary's,	24 0	..	..	..	24 00
Northampton—St. John's, -	..	..	..	..	..
North Adams—St. John's, -	2 50	..	..	..	2 50
Otis—St. Paul's, -	..	..	..	..	..
Pawtucket—Trinity, -	9 34	..	..	..	9 34
Plymouth—Christ, -	..	..	..	..	..
Pittsfield—St. Stephen's, -	..	..	..	..	..
Quincy—Christ, -	..	..	..	..	..
Roxbury—St. James's, -	28 4	42 13	23 15	..	93 71
Salcm—St. Peter's, -	234 00	156 00	114 00	..	504 00
Sandwich, —St. John's, -	..	..	..	..	..
Springfield—Christ, -	47 34	..	..	..	47 34
Stockbridge—St. Paul's, -	21 02	..	..	..	21 02
Swansea—Christ, -	..	..	..	..	..
Taunton—St. Thomas's, -	50 00	50 00	50 00	10 00	160 00
Van Deusenville Trinity, -	8 00	..	..	..	8 00
Waltham—Christ, -	82 50	16 00	52 20	..	150 70
Wilkinsonville—St. John's,	9 00	..	..	..	9 00
Wood's Hole—Messiah, -	26 90	..	..	..	26 90
Worcester—All Saints', -	..	..	..	..	..
From other sources, -	16 00	..	10 00	114 00	140 00
	3199 15	1186 95	2004 19	413 36	6809 65

DR. MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MISSIONS, *in account with* GEO. M. RANDALL, *Treasurer.* CR.

	\$187 01
By balance, last year, brought forward ...	5 09
By balance, Southern District Association.	
By cash received, subject to the appropriation of the Board.	2054 79
By cash received, for Eastern District Association.....	1048 66
By cash received, for Southern District Association.....	95 80
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May.	
Cash paid to —	
Messiah, Woods's Hole,	\$200 00
Christ, Swansea,	75 00
Trinity, Van Deusenville,	75 00
St. Peter's, Cambridgeport,	100 00
Grace, Chicopee,	278 50
St. John's, North Adams,	300 50
Grace, Newton Corner,	137 50
St. John's, Ashfield,	100 00
St. George's, Lee,	200 00
Trinity, Lenox,	125 00
St. Paul's, Nantucket,	200 00
St. John's Church, East Boston,	225 00
Calvary, Danvers,	133 34
Treasurer Eastern District Association..	1021 66
Treasurer Southern District Association.	100 89
Incidental expenses	<u>15 66</u>
	\$3288 05
Balance to new account	<u>103 30</u>
	\$3391 35

Date		Description		Amount	
1890	Jan 1	Balance		100.00	
	Feb 1	Interest		5.00	
	Mar 1	Interest		5.00	
	Apr 1	Interest		5.00	
	May 1	Interest		5.00	
	Jun 1	Interest		5.00	
	Jul 1	Interest		5.00	
	Aug 1	Interest		5.00	
	Sep 1	Interest		5.00	
	Oct 1	Interest		5.00	
	Nov 1	Interest		5.00	
	Dec 1	Interest		5.00	
1891	Jan 1	Balance		100.00	
	Feb 1	Interest		5.00	
	Mar 1	Interest		5.00	
	Apr 1	Interest		5.00	
	May 1	Interest		5.00	
	Jun 1	Interest		5.00	
	Jul 1	Interest		5.00	
	Aug 1	Interest		5.00	
	Sep 1	Interest		5.00	
	Oct 1	Interest		5.00	
	Nov 1	Interest		5.00	
	Dec 1	Interest		5.00	
1892	Jan 1	Balance		100.00	
	Feb 1	Interest		5.00	
	Mar 1	Interest		5.00	
	Apr 1	Interest		5.00	
	May 1	Interest		5.00	
	Jun 1	Interest		5.00	
	Jul 1	Interest		5.00	
	Aug 1	Interest		5.00	
	Sep 1	Interest		5.00	
	Oct 1	Interest		5.00	
	Nov 1	Interest		5.00	
	Dec 1	Interest		5.00	

Constitution
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE
DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
AS AMENDED
IN CONVENTION, JUNE, 1841, 1846, MAY, 1852, JANUARY, 1856,
AND MAY, 1859.

ARTICLE I.

THIS Church, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, accedes to the General Constitution of that Church, and acknowledges its authority.

ARTICLE II.

There shall be a stated Convention of the Church in this Diocese, at Boston, on the second Wednesday in June, in every year, unless a different time and place be fixed on by a preceding Convention. Special meetings of the Convention shall be called by the Bishop, when, in his judgment, the good of the Church may require it, or when the Standing Committee shall request it. And when the Episcopal Chair is vacant, the Standing Committee shall have power to call such Convention. Provided, always, that no business shall be done at any special Convention, other than is specified in the notice calling such Convention.

ARTICLE III.

The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen.

The Bishop and the assistant Bishop, when there is one, shall have a seat and a vote in the Convention. Every other clergyman of the Church of whatever order, being a settled minister,

or regularly officiating in some parish within this Diocese; or being a President, Professor, Tutor or Instructor in some College or Seminary of learning, and performing clerical functions; or being a Missionary under the direction of the ecclesiastical authority of this Diocese, or a Chaplain in the army or navy of the United States, or in any benevolent or other public institution, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, if he have been actually as well as canonically resident within this Diocese, for the space of six calendar months next before the meeting of the Convention, and has, for the same period, been employed in performing the duties of his station, or have been canonically instituted. Provided, however, that no clergyman otherwise entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, shall, by reason of advanced years, or infirm health, or temporary absence, be divested of such privilege.

Every parish in this Diocese, in union with this Convention, shall be entitled to send to the Convention a lay delegate, or delegates, not exceeding three, a certificate of whose appointment, signed by the Wardens or Parish Clerk, shall, before his or their admission to a seat, be laid before the Convention. Provided, that no person shall be competent to serve as a lay delegate unless he be a stated worshipper in the parish which he represents. The delegation from each parish shall be entitled on a division, by orders, to but one vote.

ARTICLE IV.

New parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention, on motion, by a majority of votes, provided they shall have laid before the Convention written evidence, subscribed by the Wardens and Vestry, that they have been duly organized for the space of one year, and during that time have held regular public services, and accede to the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

ARTICLE V.

The Bishop of this Diocese shall preside in the Convention. But in case of vacancy, or necessary absence, the members shall elect a president from among the clergy.

ARTICLE VI.

A Secretary shall be chosen upon the assembling of the Annual Convention, from among the members thereof, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Convention.

ARTICLE VII.

The members of the Convention present on due notification, and duly organized, shall constitute a quorum to transact the ordinary business of the Convention. The clergy and lay delegates shall deliberate as one body, and vote as such, except when a division is called for by three clerical members, or by the lay delegations from three parishes represented in the Convention; in which case a concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to carry any measure. All elections shall be by ballot, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

ARTICLE VIII.

There shall be a Standing Committee, to consist of six members; three clergymen and three laymen. They shall keep regular minutes of their proceedings, and shall report the same annually to the Convention. A majority shall be a quorum.

ARTICLE IX.

This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any article, except at the annual meeting of the Convention; nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed and accepted by the Convention for consideration at one annual meeting previous to its adoption.

Canon of 1828,**AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1849.*****Respecting Contingent Expenses.***

It shall be the duty of every parish in this State, after the first day of January, 1829, to raise and send to the Treasurer of the Convention, to defray the contingent expenses of the Church in this Diocese, a sum of money annually, which shall be as much as *one per centum* on the salary of its minister; and those parishes which are destitute of a clergyman, and which are represented by lay delegates in the Convention, shall pay at least five dollars annually, or send a certified copy of a vote that they are unable to pay the same; and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to certify in his annual report what parishes have neglected to comply with the requisitions of this canon. The money thus raised and paid into the treasury of the Convention, shall be subject to appropriation by a majority of the votes of the Standing Committee, or of such committee as shall be appointed by the Convention; and the following appropriations shall always be deemed proper, namely: to pay the travelling expenses of the Bishop of this Convention; to pay the travelling expenses of such clerical members of the Convention as cannot afford to pay the same, not exceeding ten dollars to any clergyman in one year; to pay the travelling expenses of the clerical delegates to the General Triennial Convention, not exceeding twenty-five dollars to each clerical delegate; to pay to the delegates of the Church in this Diocese to the General Convention, such sums as shall enable them to pay the quota assessed on the several Churches in this Diocese by each General Convention, for the contingent expenses thereof; and to pay for publishing the Journals of this Convention, and such other publications as shall be published by order of this Convention; and every parish shall be entitled to five copies, at least, of every publication printed by order of the Convention.

But no clergyman shall be entitled to any appropriation from the Contingent Fund, unless the parish of which he is the minister shall have paid its annual quota of *one per centum*, or send a certified copy of a vote that it is unable to pay the same. Neither shall any parish, thus neglecting to comply with the requisitions of the Canon, receive more than five copies of the Journal.

Canon of 1844.

Respecting the increase of the Episcopal Fund.

In every parish in this Diocese, a collection shall be annually made on Trinity Sunday, and paid over to the Treasurer of the Trustees of Donations of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, to be added to the permanent fund for the support of the Bishop of this Diocese; and the said Treasurer shall report annually to this Convention, the amount by him received from each parish.

Canons of 1846,

AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1852.

I.

Of proceedings in the case of a Minister, not being a Bishop, accused by public rumor or otherwise of offences for which he may be tried.

SECT. 1. The mode of presentment and trial of a Minister, for any offence for which, by the laws of the General Convention or of this Diocese, he is or may be liable to be tried, shall be as follows :

Information of his offence shall first be given in writing to the Standing Committee, which information, any member of this Church is hereby declared competent to give. The Standing Committee shall thereupon proceed to a preliminary consideration of the case; and in their discretion, if they see fit, may make a formal presentment of the offence to the Bishop.

Such presentment shall be made in writing, addressed to the Bishop, stating the charges made against the accused, with specifications as to time, place, and circumstances; and any of the specifications in said presentment may be amended from time to time by the Judge Advocate, as the Court may order; and in case there shall be no Bishop, or in case the Bishop shall be implicated in the offence, or shall be related to the accused by consanguinity or affinity, the Standing Committee shall then request the Bishop of some other Diocese to receive the presentment, who, upon the application of the Standing Committee, may proceed in the case, and exercise the same powers as belong, or are granted, to the Bishop of the Diocese.

SECT. 2. Any Minister of this Diocese, not being a Bishop, accused by public rumor or otherwise, of any offence or offences for which he may be tried as aforesaid, may, for himself, request the Standing Committee to institute such examination and inquiry respecting the truth of the charges against him; and, in such case, it shall be the duty of the Standing Committee to institute such examination and inquiry, and to proceed in like manner, as is provided in section first of the Canon.

II.

Of the trial of a Clergyman, not being a Bishop.

SECT. 1. Upon such presentment being made by the Standing Committee, as is provided in the foregoing Canon, the Bishop shall, as soon as may be, cause a copy of such presentment to be served on the accused, and shall also nominate nine Presbyters of the Diocese, entitled to seats in the Convention, and not being parties to the presentment, nor witnesses in the case, and shall cause a list of their names to be served on the accused, who shall, within thirty days after such service, select five of them, and notify their names in writing to the Bishop; and if he shall not give such notification to the Bishop within said thirty days, the Bishop shall then select five, and the Presbyters so selected shall form an Ecclesiastical Court for the trial of the accused.

SECT. 2. The Court, thus constituted, shall meet at such time and place within the Diocese, as the Bishop shall direct, and shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, within the Diocese, as they shall deem necessary; and the Bishop shall cause a written notice of the time and place of the first meeting of the said Court to be served at least thirty days before the time of meeting, on the accused, and also on the Secretary of the Standing Committee.

SECT. 3. If, at the time appointed for the first meeting of the said Court, the whole number of five shall not attend, those who do attend, may adjourn from time to time; or being not less than three in number, they shall have the right to proceed, in case they shall see fit, to a hearing and trial of the case; and their decision, if unanimous, shall be as binding as if the whole Court had been present; but in case their decision shall not be unanimous,

the Bishop shall, at the request of the accused, or of the Standing Committee, order a new trial.

SECT. 4. If a clergyman presented shall confess the truth of the facts alleged in the presentment, the Court shall, in writing, certify the same to the Bishop, and state their opinion as to the sentence that ought to be pronounced; and it shall be the duty of the Bishop to proceed to pass sentence, in the manner hereinafter provided. And if a clergyman presented as aforesaid, after having had due notice, shall fail or neglect to appear before the Court of Presbyters appointed for his trial, unless prevented by sickness or other sufficient cause, he shall be suspended from the exercise of his clerical functions for the term of six months; and if during that period, he shall not apply for a trial, he shall then be degraded from the ministry.

SECT. 5. When the Court proceed to the trial, they shall hear such competent evidence as shall be produced, which evidence shall be reduced to writing, and signed by the witnesses respectively; and some officer authorized by law to administer oaths, may, at the desire of either party, be requested to administer an oath or affirmation to the witnesses. If, on or during the trial, the accused shall confess the truth of the charges as stated in the presentment, the Court may dispense with hearing further evidence, and may proceed at once to state their opinion to the Bishop as to the sentence that ought to be pronounced.

SECT. 6. Upon the application of either party to the Bishop, and it being made satisfactorily to appear to him, that any material witnesses cannot be procured upon the trial, the Bishop may appoint a Commissary to take the testimony of such witnesses. Such Commissary may be either a clergyman or a layman, and the party so applying, shall give to the other at least *six* days' notice of the time and place of taking the testimony. And if the person on whom the notice shall be served, shall reside more than forty miles from the place of examination, an additional day's notice shall be given for every additional twenty miles of the said distance. And both parties may attend and examine the witness, and the questions and answers shall be reduced to writing and signed by the witness, and shall be certified by the Commissary, and enclosed under his seal, and transmitted to the Court, and

shall be received by them as evidence. A witness examined before such Commissary may be sworn or affirmed in manner aforesaid.

SECT. 7. The Court, having deliberately considered the evidence, shall declare in a writing signed by them, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether the accused is guilty or not guilty of such charges respectively, and also stating the sentence which, in their opinion, should be pronounced; and a copy of such decision shall be, without delay, communicated to the accused; and the original decision, together with the evidence, shall be delivered to the Bishop, who shall pronounce such canonical sentence as shall appear to him to be proper, provided the same shall not exceed in severity the sentence recommended by the Court; and such sentence shall be final. Before pronouncing any sentence, the Bishop shall summon the accused, and any three or more Presbyters of the Diocese, to meet him at such time as may in his opinion be most convenient, in some church to be designated by him, which shall for that purpose be open at the time to all persons who may choose to attend; and the sentence shall then and there be publicly pronounced by the Bishop. But the Bishop, if he shall be satisfied that justice requires it, may grant a new trial to the accused, in which case a new Court of Presbyters shall be appointed, the proceedings before whom shall be conducted as before mentioned.

SECT. 8. All citations and notices contemplated in this Canon shall be signed by the Bishop, and may be served by a summoner or summoners, to be appointed for the purpose by the Bishop, and whose certificate of such service shall be evidence thereof. In case of service by any other person, the fact shall be proved by the affidavit of such person. A written citation or notice delivered to a party, or left at his last place of residence, shall be deemed a sufficient service of such citation or notice.

SECT. 9. Advocates or Proctors shall be allowed on both sides, at the pleasure of the parties, provided they are clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese, or laymen who have been communicants of some parish of the same, at least two years before the time of trial.

Canon of 1846.

Of Communicants.

Whenever the Bishop shall institute an inquiry on the subject of repelling a person from the Holy Communion, according to the rubrics and the canons of the General Convention, he shall summon a council of two presbyters and two laymen, of which he shall be president, to decide upon the case.

Canon of 1847,

AS AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1848.

Of Elections.

The deputies to the General Convention from this Diocese shall be chosen at the meeting of this Convention holden in each year of the stated meeting of the General Convention; who shall continue in office until the meeting of this Convention, next preceding the stated meeting of the General Convention, on the third year next after their election, and until others shall be chosen in their place.

Any vacancy occurring in the delegation shall be filled at the next ensuing meeting of this Convention; and appointments for the interval may be made by the Standing Committee, at a meeting specially convened for that purpose.

Canon of 1858.

Of the Appointment of a Diocesan Registrar.

SECT. 1. A Registrar shall be elected by this Convention, whose duty it shall be to procure such papers, files, reports, journals, records and other documents, relative to the history of the Church in this Diocese, as are now, or may hereafter become, the property of this Convention, and preserve the same in some safe and accessible place of deposit; and to hold the same under such regulations and restrictions, as this Convention may from time to time provide.

SECT. 2. Said Registrar shall hold his office for one year, or until another be appointed in his place.

Canon of 1859.

Of the Missionary Organization of the Diocese.

SECTION 1. Each of the three District Associations of this Diocese shall, at its first meeting after Easter, elect three clergymen, settled within its limits, who shall represent it in the Board of Missions.

SECT. 2. Every Parish in this Diocese, having within the year preceding, contributed at least fifty dollars to the funds of the Board, shall be entitled to one lay representative in the same.

SECT. 3. The term of service of the Delegates shall commence at the close of the Annual Convention.

SECT. 4. The persons so chosen, with the Bishop of the Diocese, who shall be *ex officio*, a member and, when present, the presiding officer, shall constitute the Board of Missions, which shall have full charge and control of all monies contributed to its funds, except in so far as they may be limited by donors of funds for special purposes. The members present at any stated or duly notified meeting shall be a quorum.

SECT. 5. Stated meetings of the Board shall be held at least once in two months.

SECT. 6. One or more missionaries at large shall be appointed by the Board, whose duty it shall be to visit, explore and officiate under its direction.

SECT. 7. This Board shall report to the Annual Convention; and shall have all the powers and privileges now granted to the Commissioners for Church Extension, which Commission is hereby abolished.

SECT. 8. For all the purposes of Section 2, monies heretofore contributed for any missionary objects within this Diocese, may be reckoned as if contributed to the funds of the Board.

SECT. 9. The first meeting of the Board shall be held at a time and place to be appointed by the Bishop, so soon as the Secretary of the Convention shall have received official notice that the District Associations have elected their delegates.

EXTRACT FROM THE

Canon of the General Convention of 1853.

Of the mode of securing an accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time.

SECTION I. As a full and accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time, is highly useful and necessary, it is hereby ordered that every Minister of this Church, or, if the Parish be vacant, the Wardens, shall present, or cause to be delivered, on or before the first day of every annual Convention, to the Bishop of the Diocese, or, where there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and funerals, and of the number of communicants in his parish or Church, also, the state and condition of the Sunday Schools in his Parish, also of the amount of the communion alms, the contributions for Missions, diocesan, domestic, and foreign, for parochial schools, for Church purposes in general, and of all other matters that may throw light on the state of the same. And every other Clergyman not regularly settled in any Parish or Church, shall also report the occasional services he may have performed; and, if he have performed no such services, the causes or reasons which have prevented the same. And these reports, or such parts of them as the Bishop shall think fit, may be read in the Convention, and shall be entered on the journals thereof.

Rules of Order.

RULE I. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.

No member shall absent himself from the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house ; nor more than once, until others desiring to speak shall have spoken.

While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

Every member who shall be in the house, when any question is put, shall vote, unless he be personally interested in the question, or shall be excused by the Convention for reasons assigned.

RULE II. No motion shall be considered as before the Convention, unless seconded by a member not belonging to the same parish with the mover ; and every motion, when required by any member, shall be reduced to writing.

RULE III. When the report of a committee is presented, it shall be read and entered on the minutes, unless otherwise determined by the house ; and, if accompanied by resolutions, the question shall be on adopting them.

RULE IV. When a question is before the Convention, it shall be in order—

1. To lay on the table ;
2. To postpone to a day certain ;
3. To commit ;
4. To amend ;
5. To postpone indefinitely ;

and a motion for any one of these proceedings may be considered as having precedence in the order in which they are here named ; and a question on any of these proceedings shall be decided before the original motion.

RULE V. An address or communication from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.

RULE VI. Any member may call for the division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

RULE VII. The question of adjournment shall always be in order; and that, together with a motion to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.

RULE VIII. When votes by orders are taken, they shall be entered on the minutes.

RULE IX. On all questions of order, the President shall decide, subject to an appeal to the house.

RULE X. A question, being decided, shall not be reconsidered during the same session, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present, nor unless the motion to reconsider be made and seconded by members who voted in the majority on the original decision.

LIST OF THE CLERGY
OF THE
Diocese of Massachusetts.

MAY, A. D. 1859.

- The Right Rev. MANTON EASTBURN, D.D.,** Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of Trinity Church, Boston.
- The Rev. HENRY W. ADAMS,** residing in New York.
- The Rev. NATHANIEL G. ALLEN,** Rector of St. Paul's Church, Auburndale.
- The Rev. WILLIAM R. BABCOCK,** Rector of St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain.
- The Rev. SAMUEL B. BABCOCK,** Rector of St. Paul's Church, Dedham, and Treasurer of the Convention.
- The Rev. WILLIAM S. BARTLET,** Rector of St. Luke's Church, Chelsea.
- The Rev. ALFRED L. BAURY,** Rector of St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton, residing in Boston.
- The Rev. GORDON M. BRADLEY.**
- The Rev. JOHN T. BURRILL,** Chaplain of the City Institutions, South Boston.
- The Rev. HENRY BURROUGHS, Jr.,** residing in Boston.
- The Rev. GEORGE T. CHAPMAN, D.D.,** residing in Newburyport.
- The Rev. MOSES B. CHASE,** Chaplain in the United States' Navy, Navy Yard, Charlestown..
- The Rev. ROBERT F. CHASE,** Rector of Calvary Church, Danvers.

- The Rev. WILLIAM S. CHILD, Rector of Christ Church, Springfield.
- The Rev. CHARLES CLEVELAND, Rector of St. John's Church, Ashfield.
- The Rev. JOSEPH H. CLINCH, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, South Boston, and Secretary of the Convention.
- The Rev. WILLIAM B. COLBURN, officiating in Christ Church, Quincy.
- The Rev. JAMES I. T. COOLIDGE, Deacon, officiating in St. Paul's Church, Boston.
- The Rev. G. S. CONVERSE, Rector of St. James's Church, Roxbury.
- The Rev. ANDREW CROSWELL, Rector of Grace Church, Chicopee.
- The Rev. SAMUEL CUTLER, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.
- The Rev. BENJAMIN F. DECOSTA, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls.
- The Rev. NOAH DISBROW, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Nantucket.
- The Rev. EDWARD L. DROWN, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Dorchester.
- The Rev. SAMUEL J. EVANS, Rector of St. John's Church, East Boston.
- The Rev. THEODORE EDSON, D. D., Rector of St. Anne's Church, Lowell.
- The Rev. D. G. ESTES, Rector of St. James's Church, Amesbury.
- The Rev. THOMAS F. FALES, Rector of Christ Church, Waltham.
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- The Rev. ALFRED B. GOODRICH**, Rector of St. John's Church, Millville.
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- The Rev. DAVID G. HASKINS**, Principal of a School for Young Ladies, Boston.
- The Rev. WILLIAM G. HAWKINS.**
- The Rev. NICHOLAS HOPPIN**, Rector of Christ Church, Cambridge.
- The Rev. WILLIAM HORTON, D. D.**, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.
- The Rev. WILLIAM A. JENKS.**
- The Rev. S. RUSSELL JONES**, Rector of St. John's Church, North Adams.
- The Rev. CYRUS F. KNIGHT**, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Boston.
- The Rev. THOMAS R. LAMBERT**, Rector of St. John's Church, Charlestown.
- The Rev. GEORGE LEEDS**, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Salem.
- The Rev. CHARLES MASON, D. D.**, Rector of Grace Church, Boston.
- The Rev. ARCHIBALD M. MORRISON.**
- The Rev. WILLIAM H. MUNROE**, Rector of Trinity Church, Melrose.
- The Rev. GEORGE PACKARD**, Rector of Grace Church, Lawrence.
- The Rev. WILLIAM P. PAGE**, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport.

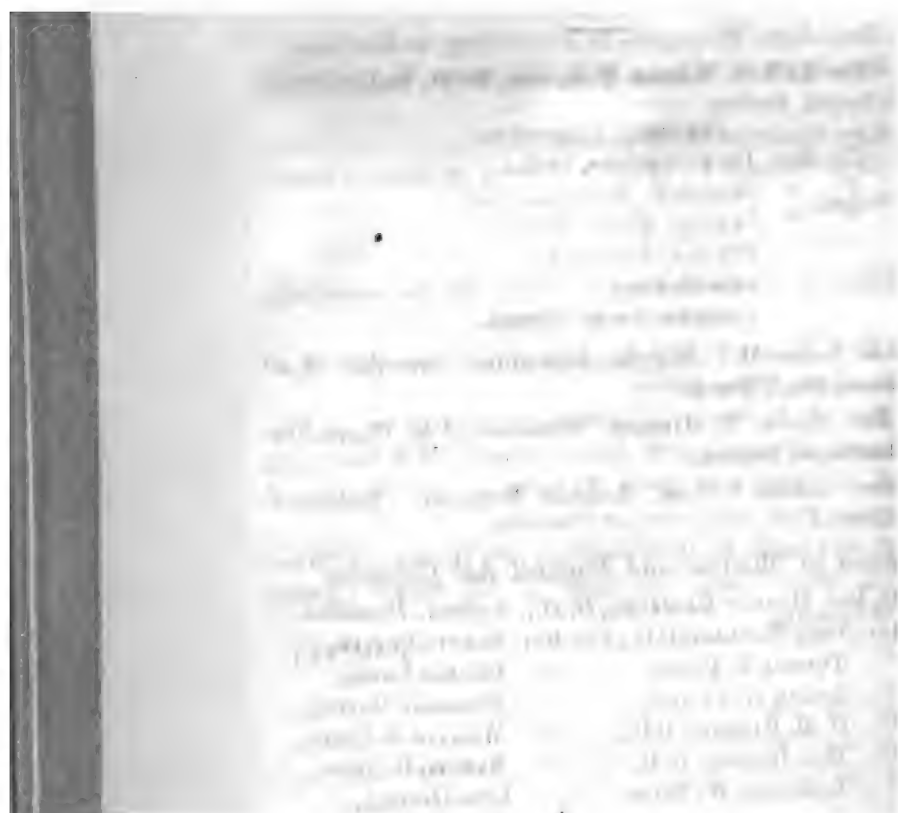
- The Rev. SAMUEL P. PARKER, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge, and Trinity Church, Lenox.
- The Rev. JESSE A. PENNIMAN, Assistant Minister of St. Paul's, Stockbridge, and Trinity, Lenox.
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- The Rev. SPENCER M. RICE, Rector of Grace Church, New Bedford.
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- The Rev. JOHN COTTON SMITH, assistant Minister of Trinity Church, Boston, on the Greene Foundation.
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The following Clergymen, though actually, are not canonically, resident in the Diocese.

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The Rev. NATHAN WATSON MUNROE, of the Diocese of New York, officiating at Swansea.
The Rev. ALBERT C. PATTERSON, of the Diocese of Western New York, officiating in All Saints' Church, Worcester.

[Total, 81.]



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Diocese of Massachusetts.

SEVENTIETH
ANNUAL CONVENTION.

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By vote of the Convention of 1860 the following resolutions, passed in the Convention of 1858, were ordered to be printed on the cover of the Journal : —

The following resolutions were offered by Mr. Hilliard :

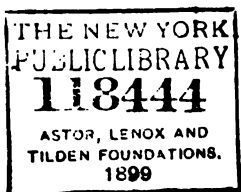
Whereas the Journals of this Convention for many years past show, that a large number of the Lay Delegates elected have not attended the sittings of the Convention :

Voted, That the Convention earnestly recommend to the several Parishes to have regard in the election of Delegates to the probability of their being able and willing actually to serve in that capacity, and so far as practicable, in connection with such election, to require their assurance that they will attend the Convention, unless prevented by some unforeseen and insuperable obstacle.

Voted, That this Convention urge upon all persons, who may be elected Delegates as aforesaid, the great importance and the serious obligation of discharging the duty which is thus imposed upon them.

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*Boston, May 2, 1860, }
Trinity Church.*

THIS being the time and place appointed for the meeting of the annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Massachusetts, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, with several of the Clergy and Lay Delegates, assembled in Trinity Church, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. J. J. Bowden, of Christ Church, Pittsfield.

The Ante-Communion service was read by the Bishop, assisted in the Epistle by the Rev. J. F. Spaulding, of St. George's Church, Lee.

The annual Sermon was then delivered by the Rev. Samuel Cutler, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Hanover, from the text, Acts ii. 47: "*The Lord added to the Church daily such as should be saved.*"

After which, at the Offertory, which was read by the Rev. S. Russel Jones, of St. James's Church, Greenfield, a collection was made in aid of the funds for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen of the Diocese. The Holy Communion was then administered to the Clergy, and to several of the Laity, by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. S. Russel Jones and the Rev. J. F. Spaulding.

The Congregation having retired, the Chair was taken

by the Bishop, and the following list of Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention, was called over by the Secretary :—

Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D.

The Rev. Nathan'l G. Allen,		The Rev. Thos. R. Lambert,	
"	<i>Sam'l B. Babcock,</i>	"	Chas. Mason, D.D.,
"	Wm. R. Babcock,	"	Geo. H. McKnight,
"	<i>Alfred L. Baurry,</i>	"	Wm. H. Munroe,
"	<i>Henry H. Bean,</i>	"	W.R.Nicholson, D.D.
"	Jas. A. Bolles, D. D.,	"	George Packard,
"	John T. Burrill,	"	Wm. P. Page,
"	Henry Burroughs, Jr.,	"	Sam'l P. Parker,
"	<i>G. T. Chapman, D.D.</i>	"	John M. Peck,
"	Moses B. Chase,	"	<i>Jessie A. Penniman,</i>
"	Rob't F. Chase,	"	Emery M. Porter,
"	Joseph H. Clinch,	"	Rich. F. Putnam,
"	G. S. Converse,	"	G.M.Randall, D.D.,
"	Andrew Crosswell,	"	<i>C. A. L. Richards,</i>
"	Samuel Cutler,	"	John P. Robinson,
"	Benj. F. DeCosta,	"	<i>John H. Rouse,</i>
"	Edward L. Drown,	"	Chas. H. Seymour,
"	Sam'l J. Evans,	"	S. Brenton Shaw,
"	Theo. Edson, D.D.,	"	<i>G. C. Shepard, D.D.,</i>
"	Thos. F. Fales,	"	Edmund F. Slafter,
"	<i>Thos. B. Flower,</i>	"	Theo. W. Snow,
"	Lewis Green,	"	John F. Spaulding,
"	J. S. Copley Greene,	"	Moses P. Stickney,
"	Isaac W. Hallam,	"	J. S. Stone, D. D.,
"	David G. Haskins,	"	<i>Julius S. Townsend,</i>
"	Nicholas Hoppin, D.D.,	"	<i>Jas. H. Tyng,</i>
"	Wm. Horton, D.D.,	"	T. H. Vail, D. D.,
"	S. Russel Jones,	"	E.M.P. Wells, D.D.
"	Cyrus F. Knight,	"	Geo. D. Wildes,

Who, with the exception of those whose names are printed *in italics*, appeared and took their seats.

The Secretary then called over the names of the Parishes in union with the Convention, when the Lay Delegates handed in the Certificates of their election. The names of the Lay Delegates were then called, the members present answering to their names. Those who were not present during some portion of the Session, are *italicized*.

St. Paul's Church, Auburndale.

Christ Church, Andover. Francis Coggswell, Marcus Morton, Jr., Samuel Raymond.

St. John's Church, Ashfield.

Trinity Church, Boston. Geo. M. Dexter, Edward Blake, *Benj. C. Clark.*

Christ Church, Boston. John R. Haslam, James P. Davies, John Woolley.

St. Paul's Church, Boston. Geo. M. Browne, George H. Lyman, James B. Dow.

Grace Church, Boston. *Richard Girdler*, Wm. W. Morland, J. H. Diggles.

Church of the Messiah, Boston. Samuel H. Gregory, Joseph Lovejoy, Edward S. Babbitt.

Church of the Advent, Boston. Geo. C. Shattuck, John P. Tarbell, Charles F. Shimmin.

St. Mark's Church, Boston. S. Benton Thompson, Francis J. Parker, Horace Barnes.

St. Matthew's Church, South Boston. David Clapp, S. H. Jenks, E. H. Brainard.

St. John's Church, East Boston. *William Munroe*, Daniel Byram, John Watson.

Trinity Church, Bridgewater. John Edson, *Geo. L. Edson*, Samuel Edson.

St. Paul's Church, Brookline. Eliakim Littell, Thomas Parsons, *William Aspinwall.*

Christ Church, Cambridge. Rufus G. A. Freeman, Henry M. Parker, Samuel Batchelder, Jr.

St. Peter's Church, Cambridge. Francis Dana, Asa P. Morse, John S. Dunlap.

St. John's Church, Charlestown. Peter Hubbell, John E. Tyler, Luther V. Bell.

St. Luke's Church, Chelsea. O. E. Downing, James Lynde.

St. Andrew's Church, Chelsea. C. A. Davis, Edwin C. Barnes, Erastus F. Dana.

Grace Church, Chicopee.

Christ Church, Clappville.

St. Paul's Church, Dedham. Ira Cleveland, Thomas L. Wakefield, Randolph M. Clark.

St. Mary's Church, Dorchester. J. P. Clapp, M. L. Bradford, C. E. Stedman.

Calvary Church, Danvers. Joseph Adams, Charles H. Adams, Charles H. Learoyd.

Ascension Church, Fall River. Walter C. Durfee, Richard M. Sherman, Nathaniel Lewis.

St. James's Church, Great Barrington.

St. James's Church, Greenfield. Thomas W. Ripley, R. E. Field, W. T. Davis.

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover. George Curtis, Lemuel C. Waterman, Robert S. Curtis.

Trinity Church, Haverhill. Wm. G. Howe, E. F. Adams.

St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton. Joseph Burnett, W. L. Wakefield.

St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough. Edward A. Newton, Nathaniel B. Williams, William P. Williams.

Grace Church, Lawrence. Henry Barton, J. P. Battles, L. A. Bishop.

St. George's Church, Lee. C. C. Holcombe, Lucius Crocker, F. G. Taylor.

Trinity Church, Lenox.

St. Anne's Church, Lowell. B. C. Sargent, T. G. Gerish, A. M. Durant.

St. Stephen's Church, Lynn. Edward S. Davis, James R. Newhall, John Renton.

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead. Thomas Evans, John Clothey, Andrew Lackey.

Grace Church, Medford.

Trinity Church, Melrose. James Knott, William H. Cutting, John Kimball.

St. John's Church, Millville. Lyman C. Curtis, Charles Mann, R. J. M. Chase.

St. Paul's Church, Nantucket.

Grace Church, New Bedford.

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport. Edward S. Moseley, David Wood, William W. Caldwell.

St. Andrew's Church, New Boston. Samuel C. Parsons, George W. Watson.

St. Mary's Church, Newton. Thomas Rice, Jr., William Curtis, John W. Lyon.

Grace Church, Newton. James E. Butts, Jr., John Andrews, A. B. Underwood.

St. John's Church, North Adams.

St. John's Church, Northampton.

St. Paul's Church, Otis.

Trinity Church, Pawtucket. Joseph Smith, Russel L. Tupper, H. N. Wilkinson.

Christ Church, Plymouth.

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.

Christ Church, Quincy. Jeffrey R. Brackett, Ezra Walker.

St. James's Church, Roxbury. S. M. Hunt, F. Hilliard, F. Darracott.

St. John's Church, Roxbury. (Jamaica Plain.) Wm. C. Peters, Jonathan Amory, D. B. Hagar.

St. Peter's Church, Salem. Samuel B. Foster, Joshua Cleaves, Francis Peabody, Jr.

Grace Church, Salem. Benjamin Shreve, J. Francis Tuckerman, Henry F. Shepard.

Christ Church, Springfield. James H. Morton, Jason Washburn, James Barnes.

St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.

Christ Church, Swansea.

St. Thomas's Church, Taunton. Edmund H. Bennett, Charles Husband, Benjamin D. Washburn.

Trinity Church, Vandeusenville. John S. Stone.

Christ Church, Walham. Andrew H. Ward, Jr., Samuel Cooper.

St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville. George Brown, Jr., J. P. Newton, Harvey Dodge.

Church of the Messiah, Wood's Hole.

All Saints' Church, Worcester. H. K. Newcomb, John A. Dana, Sumner Pratt.

On motion,

Resolved, That in the election of Secretary, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. Joseph H. Clinch, the former Secretary, be re-elected.

The Secretary asked leave to appoint an assistant, which, on motion, was granted.

The Secretary appointed the Rev. Geo. D. Wildes assistant Secretary.

On motion,

Resolved, That in the election of Treasurer, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. Samuel B. Babcock, former Treasurer, be re-elected.

Rev. Mr. Babcock being absent, it was voted that Rev. Samuel Cutler be appointed Treasurer, *pro tem*.

On motion,

Resolved, That Clergymen of this Church, not entitled to

seats in the Convention, and Candidates for Holy Orders, be invited to be present at the sittings of this Body.

Whereupon, the following appeared, and took seats in the Convention : —

The Rev. Benj. Hale, D.D.,	-	-	Massachusetts.
" Benj. B. Babbitt,	-	-	Massachusetts.
" Justin Field,	-	-	Massachusetts.
" William S. Bartlet,	-	-	Massachusetts.
" William H. Trapnell,	-	-	Massachusetts.
" William B. Colburn,	-	-	Massachusetts.
" William G. Hawkins,	-	-	Massachusetts.
" Dexter Potter,	-	-	Massachusetts.
" John West,	-	-	Massachusetts.
" E. Huntington,	-	-	Connecticut.
" Benj. S. Stone,	-	-	Connecticut.
" Henry McLory,	-	-	Connecticut.
" Thomas G. Salter,	-	-	New Hampshire.
" Wm. Stevens Perry,	-	-	New Hampshire.
" John L. Watson, D.D.,	-	-	New Hampshire.
" Robt. B. Van Kleeck, D.D.,	-	-	New York.
" Heman Dyer, D.D.,	-	-	New York.
" N. W. Munroe,	-	-	New York.
" Gordon M. Bradley,	-	-	Maine.
" Edmund B. Palmer,	-	-	Michigan.
" Francis Byrne,	-	-	Jamaica, W. I.

Frederick D. Huntington, D.D., (Candidate,) Mass.

Isaac A. Hagar, (Candidate,) Miss'y Asso. of the N. W.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Randall,

Resolved, That the rules of order adopted at the last Convention be adopted for the government of this Body, with the following amendment : — "All resolutions shall be presented in writing, with the name of the mover appended thereto."

On motion,

Resolved, That the usual Committees be appointed by the Chair.

The Chair accordingly announced the appointment of the following Committees:—

On Qualifications. Rev. George Packard, Rev. Henry Burroughs, Jr., Edward S. Moseley.

On New Parishes. Rev. Theodore Edson, D.D., Rev. John T. Burrill, Ira Cleveland.

On Finance. Rev. Theodore W. Snow, E. A. Newton, P. Hubbell.

Executive Committee. Rev. W. Horton, D.D., Rev. J. F. Spaulding, Rev. Geo. H. McKnight.

On Unfinished Business. Rev. Thomas Vail, D. D., John Edson.

Hon. E. A. Newton presented the application of Christ Church, Pittsfield, to be admitted into union with the Convention, which was referred to the Committee on New Parishes.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee of two be appointed by the Chair, to audit the Treasurer's account.

The Chair appointed James B. Dow and S. M. Hunt as that Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Convention now adjourn, to meet in this place at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned!

4 o'clock, P. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Rev. George Packard, from the Committee on Qualifications, made the following Report:

The Committee on Qualifications beg leave to Report:

That the list of Clergy entitled to seats in this Convention, as furnished by the Bishop, is correct, with the exception of the name of Rev. Samuel Fuller, D.D., who has removed from the Diocese. Rev. Dexter Potter, an actual and canonical resident for the year last past, who has been regularly officiating in various parishes during the first eight months of that time, and for the last four months has been assistant in St. Stephen's Chapel, in this City ; Rev. William G. Hawkins, who has been actually and canonically resident for the space of one year, and has recently been elected to the Rectorship of a Church in this Diocese, where he has been officiating ; Rev. William S. Bartlet, an actual and canonical resident, and who has generally officiated since his resignation of St. Luke's, Chelsea, in Sunday service ; Rev. William B. Colburn, an actual and canonical resident, and who has been officiating in various Parishes since his resignation of Christ Church, Quincy ; and Rev. John West, a canonical but not actual resident, — have appeared before the Committee, and laid claim to seats in this Convention, but under their construction of the article, the Committee have not deemed them entitled thereto, and have considered it their duty to report the facts in these several cases to the Convention, for their final action. .

And the Committee farther Report, That the certificates of the Lay Delegates of the several Parishes are correct, excepting Trinity Parish, Melrose, and Grace Church, Newton, both of which fail to state that the delegates chosen are stated worshippers in the Parishes they purport to represent, as expressly required in the Canon, and that they are consequently ineligible.

GEO. PACKARD, *Chairman.*

On motion,

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on Qualification be accepted, and that the matters contained therein be reserved for future consideration. .

The Bishop then delivered his Annual Address.

Annual Address :

MY BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY :—

The duty again devolves upon me of presenting to you the statement of my official acts, since we last met in annual Convention in this place.

On the day after the adjournment of the last Convention, Saturday, May 7, at an Ordination held in St. Matthew's, South Boston, I admitted to Priest's Orders the Rev. S. Russell Jones, Deacon, Rector of St. John's, North Adams. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Burrill; who also, together with the Rev. Dr. Wayland, and the Rev. Mr. Clinch, united with me in the imposition of hands.

On the Second Sunday after Easter, May 8, I confirmed 13 in the evening in Christ Church, Waltham.

On Wednesday, May 11, in the presence of several of the Clergy, and of a large number of other persons, I had the pleasure of laying the corner-stone of Calvary Church, Danvers. After a few appropriate remarks by the Rev. Robert F. Chase, Rector of the parish, and by the Rev. Mr. Leeds, I delivered an address on this interesting occasion.

On Thursday, May 12, I confirmed 7 in the afternoon in St. Paul's, Newburyport.

On the Third Sunday after Easter, May 15, I preached, and catechized the children, in the morning, and confirmed 24 persons in the afternoon, in St. Thomas's, Taunton.

On the evening of Tuesday, May 17, I confirmed 5 in Grace Church, New Bedford. The Rev. Mr. Rice has recently resigned the Rectorship of this parish, and removed to the Diocese of New Jersey.

On Wednesday, May 18, I preached in the afternoon in Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

On Thursday, May 19, I confirmed 6 in the evening in Trinity Church, Haverhill.

On Friday, May 20, I confirmed 51 in the evening in St. Anne's, Lowell.

On the Fourth Sunday after Easter, May 22, I confirmed 2 in the morning in Christ Church, Andover, and also catechized the children. The Rev. Dr. Fuller, Rector of this parish, has resigned his office, and is now one of the Professors in the Berkeley Divinity School, Middletown, Connecticut. He has been succeeded at Andover by the Rev. Benjamin B. Babbitt, from the Diocese of Rhode Island.

In the afternoon of the same day I preached in Grace Church, Lawrence, and confirmed 17 in the evening.

On Tuesday, May 24, I confirmed 7 in the evening in St. Stephen's, Lynn, including 1 from Grace Church, Medford. I would here mention that a new church, by the name of St. Andrew's, has been built in another part of Lynn, for the use of the summer residents in the neighborhood; and that those engaged in the work intend to organize a parish. The building has not yet been consecrated.

On Wednesday, May 25, I catechized the children in the afternoon in St. Michael's, Marblehead; and confirmed 3 persons in the evening. A change has taken place in the Rectorship of this parish; the Rev. J. B. Richmond having resigned, and been succeeded by the Rev. Edwin B. Chase, of the Diocese of New Jersey.

On the Fifth Sunday after Easter, May 29, I confirmed 9 in the morning in St. Mary's, Dorchester; one of the candidates being from Grace Church, Boston.

In the afternoon of the same day, I confirmed 1 in Christ

Church, Quincy. Since the period of my visit, the parish church has been destroyed by fire. I am happy to say, however, that energetic measures were soon afterwards taken towards the building of a new church. The corner-stone of this edifice, which is to be of granite, was laid during the last month; and I trust that the zealous efforts, thus promptly made, will be encouraged by the assistance that will be needed from other portions of our Church.

On Ascension-Day, June 2, it was my pleasing office, in the presence of many of the clergy, and of a large congregation, to consecrate to the service of Almighty God the edifice built by the parishioners of Grace Church, Salem. This church, the design of which was furnished by Messrs. Emmerton and Foster, of Salem, though a wooden structure, is very substantial; and, in its simple and unpretending beauty, its devotional aspect, and the convenience and propriety of all its arrangements, is every thing that could be desired. Its cost was \$6000; which sum, added to \$1800, the price of the land, makes the whole expense of the undertaking nearly \$8000. Just before the consecration, the Rev. George D. Wildes was elected the Rector of this young and promising parish, and, in consequence, relinquished the charge of St. Andrew's, Chelsea. May the abundant blessing of the Holy Spirit descend upon this second Episcopal church in the ancient city of Salem, as well as upon time-honored St. Peter's! Towards securing this blessing for our parishes, the framers of our Liturgy have effectually done *their* part by the scriptural services they have provided. It remains for us, the ambassadors of Christ, to see that our teachings are imbued with the same evangelical spirit which marks all the Prayer Book. My beloved friend and associate of other days in New York, the Rev. Dr. Vaughan, one of the former Rectors of St. Peter's, Salem, has expressed,

in a letter of congratulation to the Rev. Mr. Leeds on the completion of this new church, a sentiment which we can never ponder too deeply; namely, that the one way to obtain the benediction of heaven upon our ministrations is "to hold up Christ, in fulness and simplicity."

On the Sunday after Ascension Day, June 5, I confirmed 9 in the morning, and catechized the children, in the temporary place of worship of the congregation of Grace Church, Newton Corner.

In the afternoon of the same day I confirmed 10, and catechized the children, in St. Paul's, Brookline. To those confirmed here at this time are to be added 3 afterwards confirmed at Newton Corner; making the whole number 13 for the year.

On Wednesday, June 8, I confirmed 4 in the evening in Trinity Church, Pawtucket.

Tuesday in Whitsun-Week, June 14, in the Church of the Ascension, Fall River, I catechized the children in the afternoon; and confirmed 14 persons in the evening.

On Wednesday, June 15, I preached in the afternoon, and catechized the children, in Christ Church, Swansea; and in the evening, after a sermon by the Rev. Benjamin H. Chase, of the Diocese of Rhode Island, delivered a brief address to the congregation. This parish has been served, since the resignation of Mr. Colburn, by the Rev. N. W. Munroe, of the Diocese of New York.

In the afternoon of Tuesday, June 21, I confirmed 4, and catechized the children, in St. James's, Greenfield.

On Wednesday, June 22, I catechized the children in the afternoon, and preached in the evening, in St. John's, Northampton. Just before my visit, the Rev. Henry H. Bean, from the Diocese of Pennsylvania, commenced his duties as successor to Mr. Barten in the Rectorship of this parish.

On Thursday, June 23, I preached in the evening in Christ Church, Springfield.

On St. John Baptist's Day, Friday, June 24, I confirmed 3 in the evening in Grace Church, Chicopee. I am sorry to say, that the Rev. A. Croswell has been constrained by the interruption of his wonted health to relinquish this situation; and that the vacancy has not yet been supplied.

On the First Sunday after Trinity, June 26, I confirmed 15 in the morning in St. Peter's, Salem; and

In the afternoon of the same day, confirmed 8 in the temporary place of worship occupied by the congregation of Calvary Church, Danvers.

On Friday, July 1, in the Chapel of the Theological Seminary of Virginia, the Bishop of that Diocese, at my request, admitted to Deacon's Orders Mr. Phillips Brooks, a Candidate for Orders of this Diocese, and a Student of that Institution. Mr. Brooks, not long afterwards, was transferred by Letters Dimissory to the Diocese of Pennsylvania, and has charge of a parish in Philadelphia.

On the Third Sunday after Trinity, July 10, I confirmed 6 in the afternoon in St. Mary's, Newton, Lower Falls.

On the Sixth Sunday after Trinity, July 31, I confirmed 10 in the afternoon in the temporary place of worship used by the congregation of Trinity Church, Melrose. The parishioners have, since my visit, completed their church, and begun to occupy it; although, owing to a small indebtedness yet remaining, it has not yet been consecrated.

On Monday, September 26, at an Ordination held in the Church of the Messiah, Boston, I admitted to Deacon's Orders Mr. Richard F. Putnam, a Candidate for Orders of this Diocese.

During the month of October, I was present at the General

Convention of our Church in Richmond, Virginia.; and, while there, assisted in the consecration of my valued brother, the Rev. Dr. Bedell, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, New York, to the office of Assistant Bishop of Ohio. Richly may the Divine Spirit rest upon his labors; and long may he, and the distinguished prelate whom he has been called to aid, be spared to bless the Church of God and the world with the light of their sound doctrine, and the influence of their consistent and holy example!

On the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity, November 6, I confirmed 7 in the evening in St. Matthew's, South Boston. Since the time of my visit, this parish has become vacant by the resignation of the Rev. Joseph H. Clinch, who for so many years has been its Rector. Mr. Clinch has accepted the appointment of Chaplain of the House of Correction, South Boston; while the Rev. J. T. Burrill, his predecessor in this office, has become the Rector of Christ Church, Boston, in succession to the Rev. W. T. Smithett, who has removed to the Diocese of Illinois. Mr. Burrill, in addition to his duties in Christ Church, has been appointed to the charge of our Diocesan Mission Chapel for Sailors in Commercial Street; the Rev. John Irwin, the former incumbent of this station, having resigned it, and removed to the Diocese of Montreal.

On Tuesday, November 8, I preached in the afternoon in St. John's, Wilkinsonville. The Rev. Albert D. Spalter, Deacon, who officiated for some time in this parish, was transferred in October last from Vermont to this Diocese; and in December following was displaced by me from the ministry, under the provisions of Canon V of 1850. The vacancy in the Rectorship has just been filled by the appointment of the Rev. William G. Hawkins.

On Thursday, November 10, I preached in the morning and

evening in St. John's, Ashfield. The Rev. Charles Cleveland has resigned the charge of this parish, and removed to the Diocese of New York. The congregation has been served, since his removal, by the Rev. Charles H. Gardiner, of the Diocese of New York.

On Friday, November 11, I confirmed 9 in the evening in St. John's, North Adams. I regret that this church, owing to the debt still resting upon it, has not yet been consecrated. It is a very neat and appropriate building, and stands in a desirable location. The Rev. Mr. Jones has, since my visit, relinquished the charge of the parish, and become the Rector of St. James's, Greenfield. No successor to him has yet been appointed; but regular services have been conducted on the Lord's Day by a lay-reader.

On the Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity, November 13, I preached in the morning in St. Luke's, Lanesborough; and confirmed 1 in the afternoon.

On Tuesday, November 15, I confirmed 13 in the afternoon, and catechized the children, in St. Stephen's, Pittsfield. The Rev. W. H. N. Stewart has resigned the Rectorship of this parish, and been transferred by Letters Dimissory to the Diocese of Jamaica; and his successor is the Rev. Edward M. Pecke, from the Diocese of New Jersey. The parishioners of Christ Church, Pittsfield, have chosen as their Rector the Rev. James J. Bowden, who has been received from the Diocese of New Jersey, and has entered on the duties of the field to which he has been invited.

On Wednesday, November 16, I preached in the afternoon in Trinity Church, Lenox; and

On Thursday, November 17, preached in the afternoon in St. Paul's, Stockbridge. The Rev. S. P. Parker has relinquished the charge of Trinity Church, Lenox, and confines his labors to

Stockbridge; and the Rev. Mr. Penniman, lately his assistant at both places, has been chosen to the charge of the church at Lenox.

On Friday, November 18, in St. James's, Great Barrington, I held an Ordination in the morning, and admitted to Priest's Orders the Rev. C. A. L. Richards, Deacon, Rector of the parish; the Rev. Messrs. Parker, L. Green, and Spaulding, uniting with me in the imposition of hands. In the evening I confirmed 8 in the same church. The debt remaining on this beautiful edifice not having been yet liquidated, I am not enabled to perform the gratifying act of its consecration.

On the Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity, November 20, I preached in the morning, and catechized the children, in St. George's, Lee; and confirmed 15 in the afternoon. The Rev. Dr. Chapman has been succeeded in the charge of this parish by the Rev. John F. Spaulding, from the Diocese of Maine. The parishoners here intend soliciting aid towards the removal of the debt, incurred by the building of their church; and I think that all who know the ready liberality with which they have themselves given to this pious work, will consider them richly entitled to the assistance of others. For want of the needed amount, the church remains without consecration. I cannot omit this opportunity of recording the loss which St. George's has sustained, in the unexpected departure from this life, since our last Convention, of the Hon. Lester Filley. His heart and soul, his time, and means, were given freely and constantly to the promotion of the prosperity of this parish. His summons was sudden. But we have the sure trust that he has passed to a blessed immortality, through the blood of that Saviour in whom he had so long believed, and whose cause and kingdom he had, for so many years, steadily labored to advance.

On Tuesday, November 22, I confirmed 4 in the afternoon, and catechized the children, in Trinity Church, Vandeusenville.

On Thursday, November 24, I preached in the morning in St. Paul's, Otis; and

In the afternoon of the same day, preached in St. Andrew's, New Boston. I am glad to state, that these two parishes have secured the services of the Rev. E. F. Watson, of the Diocese of Rhode Island.

St. Andrew's Day, Wednesday, November 30, I confirmed 7 in the afternoon in Christ Church, Clappville.

St. Thomas's Day, Wednesday, December 21, I confirmed 20 in the evening in St. John's, Charlestown.

On the evening of Christmas Day, I confirmed 12 in the Free Church of St. Mary for Sailors, Boston.

On the evening of the Sunday after Christmas Day, January 1, 1860, I attended the Anniversary of the Sunday School of St. Matthew's, South Boston, and catechized the children, and addressed the teachers. Addresses were delivered on this highly interesting occasion by the Rev. Dr. Wells, and the Rev. Mr. Burrill.

On the first Sunday after the Epiphany, January 8, I confirmed 16 in the evening in the temporary place of worship of the congregation of Grace Church, Newton Corner. Of these candidates, 8, as already mentioned, were from St. Paul's, Brookline, and 1 was from St. Peter's, Cambridgeport. The 12 parishioners of Grace Church thus confirmed, added to the 9 previously mentioned, make 21 as the whole number for the year.

On Wednesday, January 11, I instituted into the Rectorship of St. Paul's, Boston, the Rev. Wm. R. Nicholson, D. D., formerly Rector of St. John's, Cincinnati, in the Diocese of Ohio. The Sermon on this occasion was preached by the Rev.

Alexander H. Vinton, D. D., Rector of Holy Trinity, Philadelphia, and Dr. Nicholson's immediate predecessor in St. Paul's. May the connection thus formed between this important parish and its new pastor be productive, through the Holy Spirit, of large blessings to the congregation, to the city of Boston, and to the whole Diocese !

On the Second Sunday after the Epiphany, January 15, I confirmed in the afternoon 9 parishioners of St. Mark's, Boston ; to whom is to be added 1 to be mentioned hereafter as confirmed at Roxbury, making the number of 10 for the year. The service was held in the new and beautiful place of worship, which had been recently completed by the congregation ; and which it is their purpose to occupy, until the time when they shall feel themselves sufficiently strong to build a larger and more substantial edifice. It is a very chaste, convenient, and appropriate structure ; and affords room for about 500 worshippers.

On Wednesday, January 18, I visited for the first time the parish of Grace Church, North Attleborough ; the Rector of which is the Rev. Julius S. Townsend, who has resigned the charge of Trinity Church, Pawtucket, and has been succeeded there by the Rev. John M. Peck, from the Diocese of Maryland. The services at North Attleborough were held in the evening in a hall used by the congregation ; and I administered Confirmation to 4 persons in the presence of a large assembly. On the evening of the following day I confirmed 7 at East Attleborough, in the Lecture Room of the Congregational church.

On the evening of Wednesday, March 7, I preached in Christ Church, Springfield ; and on the following day instituted into the Rectorship of that parish, vacant by the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Child, the Rev. George H. McKnight, from the

Diocese of Indiana. The interest of the occasion was greatly increased by the presence of the Rt. Rev. Henry W. Lee, D. D., Bishop of Iowa, the earliest years of whose ministry were devoted to the pastoral charge of this congregation; and who, being on a visit to Massachusetts in furtherance of the interests of Griswold College, Iowa, was invited by me to preach the Sermon.

On Wednesday, March 14, at the courteous request of the Bishop of Rhode Island, I was present in Grace Church, Providence, in that Diocese, on occasion of the admission to Priest's Orders of the Rev. James I. T. Coolidge, Deacon; and preached the Sermon. Mr. Coolidge was transferred to Rhode Island in November last, and is Assistant to my revered friend the Rev. Dr. Crocker, Rector of St. John's, Providence.

On the Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 25, I confirmed 23 in the morning in Trinity Church, Boston; and

In the evening of the same day, confirmed 30 in Christ Church, Cambridge; to whom is to be added 1, afterwards confirmed elsewhere. A few days after this visit, the chancel of Christ Church received the addition of a beautiful window of stained glass, the gift of a parishioner as a memorial of his departed mother. A chime of bells as also been procured, by the subscriptions of various inhabitants of Cambridge; and sent forth, for the first time, its tones of gladness on the morning of Easter Day.

On Wednesday, March 28, I confirmed 8 in the evening in Grace Church, Salem.

On the Sunday next before Easter, April 1, I confirmed 33 in the afternoon in St. James's, Roxbury, including 1 from St. Mark's, Boston.

Wednesday before Easter, April 4, I confirmed 13 in the afternoon in St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston.

Good Friday, April 6, I confirmed 6 in the evening in St. Luke's, Chelsea. The Rev. Mr. Bartlet has resigned the Rectorship of this parish, and has been succeeded by the Rev. James H. Tyng, from the Diocese of New Jersey.

Easter Day, April 8, I confirmed 14 in the afternoon in St. Paul's, Dedham.

On Thursday, April 12, I confirmed 76 in the evening in St. Anne's, Lowell; making, with the 51 confirmed, as before mentioned, in May last, 127 as the number for the year.

On the first Sunday after Easter, April 15, I confirmed 17 in the afternoon in St. Paul's, Boston; and

In the evening of the same day, confirmed 9 in St. John's, Jamaica Plain. I am happy to say that the parishioners of St. John's, having found that the parsonage, though convenient for its nearness to the church, was objectionable owing to the dampness of the ground on which it stands, have recently purchased another house, new and spacious, and eligibly situated, to be used as a Rectory.

On Wednesday, April 18, I confirmed 20 in the evening in All Saints', Worcester. The Rectorship of this parish is now filled by the Rev. E. W. Hager, who has been received from the Diocese of California.

On Thursday, April 19, I confirmed 24 in the evening in St. John's, Charlestown; making, with the 20 already mentioned as having been confirmed in December last, 44 as the whole number since our last Convention.

On the Second Sunday after Easter, April 22, I confirmed 10 in the evening in St. John's, East Boston.

On Tuesday, April 24, I confirmed 11 in the evening in St. Peter's, Cambridgeport, including 1 from Christ Church, Cambridge. To the 10 confirmed at this time in St. Peter's is to be added 1, confirmed, as before said, at Newton Corner;

making 11 as the number since the last Convention I was pleased to find that this church, since my previous visit, had been furnished with a new organ of superior tone, and that gas lights had been also introduced.

St. Mark's Day, April 25, I confirmed 12 in the evening in St. Mary's, Dorchester; making, with the 8 already mentioned as confirmed in May last, 20 as the number for the year.

On Friday, April 27, I confirmed 11 in the evening in the Church of the Messiah, Boston.

On the Third Sunday after Easter, April 29, I confirmed 13 in the afternoon in Grace Church, Boston; to which number is to be added 1 confirmed, as before stated, at Dorchester, making 14 for the year:—and

In the evening of the same day, I confirmed 25 in the Church of the Advent, Boston. The Rt. Rev. Dr. Southgate has been succeeded in the Rectorship of this parish by the Rev. James A. Bolles, D. D., from the Diocese of Ohio.

In addition to what is thus recorded, I have to mention that a new parish has been organized in this city, by the name of Emmanuel Church; and that measures have been taken, by the persons engaged in the enterprise, for the building of a church in the neighborhood of Arlington Street.

The preceding particulars give the following result:—I have confirmed, since the last Convention, 715 persons; ordained 2 Deacons, and 2 Priests; laid the corner stone of 1 church, in addition to that of another church laid by a clergyman of the Diocese; have consecrated 1 church; and 1 parish has been organized.

Besides the changes already mentioned as having occurred in the Diocese, there have been the following:—The Rev. George Leeds has resigned the Rectorship of St. Peter's, Salem, and become the Rector of St. Peter's Philadelphia; the Rev. Justin

Field has resigned the Rectorship of Grace Church, Medford ; the Rev. W. B. Colburn has ceased to officiate at Quincy ; the Rev. Arthur Mason, from the Diocese of Rhode Island, has become the Rector of St. Andrew's, Chelsea ; The Rev. Alfred B. Goodrich has resigned the charge of St. John's, Millville, and been transferred to the Diocese of Western New York, — and has been succeeded at Millville by the Rev. John V. Lewis, Deacon, from the Diocese of New York ; the Rev. John Cotton Smith has resigned the office of Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, Boston, and become the Rector of the Church of the Ascension, New York ; the Rev. Edmund B. Palmer has been received from the Diocese of Michigan, and the Rev. Benjamin Hale, D. D., from Western New York ; the Rev. John West has returned to this Diocese from Kentucky ; the Rev. Charles H. Wheeler has been transferred to Rhode Island ; the Rev. Noah Disbrow has relinquished his charge at Nantucket, and removed to the Diocese of Huren ; the Rev. Gordon M. Bradley has been transferred to Maine ; and the Rev. E. A. Renouf to New Hampshire.

Of four churches which have been completed since our last Convention, I have not yet mentioned St. Andrew's, Chelsea, and Calvary Church, Danvers. The former of these is now occupied ; but, from the same hindrance which has occurred in other cases, the existence of debt, has not been consecrated.

The church at Danvers will, I believe, soon be presented to me for that purpose.

Services have been held for some time at Hyde Park ; and, as soon as the requisite means shall have been secured, the building of a church will be commenced. The Rev. D. G. Haskins has been officiating there for some time.

The Candidates for Orders of the Diocese are as follows :—
Wentworth S. Butler, Abner P. Brush, Charles C. Wright,

Samuel S. Spear, Albert U. Stanley, Robert Murray, Jr., Alvan H. Washburn, Frederick D. Huntington, and William R. Huntington — Total, 9. Charles A. Sumner, whose name was on the list presented at the last Convention, not having complied with the canonical requirement in reference to applying for examinations, has ceased to be a Candidate.

I regret to have to state, and you, also, will regret to hear, that our Board of Missions have not succeeded in securing the services of a missionary at large, although they have made active efforts towards the accomplishment of this object. The labors of more than one person in such a work might be employed, at this time, with the certainty of the best results to the prosperity of the Diocese, and to the interests of true religion. Let us hope that, during the coming year, divine Providence may crown with a blessing our exertions in this direction. There is, undoubtedly, a turning of the minds of the people, just now, to our Church; and a growing appreciation of the blessed fact, that we are tied down, in our prescribed services, to that simple truth of Christ Crucified, which is the one way of salvation, and the only source of abiding peace and joy. Let us be thankful our selves for this unspeakable privilege. Let us take courage, while laboring to extend our borders, from the thought that we are thereby widening the sphere of an influence, which is pre-eminently for the promotion of man's happiness in time and in eternity. Let our own teaching, my brethren of the clergy, correspond with the spirit of our Liturgy, our Articles, and our Homilies. Let us proclaim salvation by the Lamb of God with directness; with simplicity; with that plainness, which the importance of the subject demands — which mankind need — and which will commend itself with certain power to the human conscience. And oh that our Laity may discern, more and more, the necessity of such preaching; the

connexion which evangelical doctrine, as distinguished from mere ceremonialism, has with their own individual safety ; and its indispensableness as an agency in the increase of that Church which they desire to extend ! Everything but the Lord Jesus, formed in the heart “ the hope of glory,” is sand ; and, at “ the great and terrible day of the Lord,” shall be swept from beneath the feet. The Holy Spirit convince us of this more deeply, as we advance towards our end ; and bring us more and more closely to Him, in whom alone “ we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins !”

In conclusion, let me urge upon the lay delegates at this Convention, and upon the people who, in our various parishes, enjoy the preaching of the word, and the ordinances of the gospel, the duty and privilege of keeping up those meetings for social prayer, which, wherever they have been maintained during the last few years, have been attended with so evident a blessing. Such a blessing cannot but come. My brethren, Paul may “ plant,” and Apollos may “ water ;” but it is “ God that giveth the increase.” But He giveth in answer to fervent supplication. Let Christ’s followers bear this in mind ; and, shaking off that spirit of formality which is one of our most constantly besetting sins, let them regularly commend the work of the ministry to Him who is ever ready to hear, and to pour down on every field of labor “ the healthful Spirit of his grace.”

The Rev. Theo. Edson, D.D., from the Committee on New Parishes, made the following Report :

Your Committee have had laid before them by this Convention, an application from Christ Church, Pittsfield, for admission to the Convention, with written evidence subscribed by two Wardens and two Vestrymen, that the said Parish has been duly organized for the space of one year, and during that time has held regular public services, and accedes to the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

And your Committee move that the Parish of Christ Church, Pittsfield, be admitted to this Convention.

THEODORE EDSON.

JOHN T. BURRILL.

IRA CLEVELAND.

Which Report was, on motion, accepted, and Christ Church, Pittsfield, duly admitted into union with this Convention.

The certificate of Lay Delegates was handed in, but at the request of Mr. E. A. Newton, the names were not called over, as the delegates will not be present till to-morrow.

On motion of Rev. Geo. M. Randall, D.D.,

Resolved, That a Committee consisting of three Clergymen and two Laymen be appointed, to consider and report to this Convention, what amendments, if any, shall be made to the Canon of 1859, "*of the Missionary Organization of the Diocese.*"

The Chair appointed the following gentlemen on this Committee: the Rev. Geo M. Randall, D.D., the Rev. Theodore W. Snow, the Rev. Joseph H. Clinch, Geo. M. Browne, Esq., E. S. Davis, Esq.

The question before the Convention being upon the admission to seats in the Convention of the Clergymen named in the report of the Committee on Qualifications, it was,

On motion,

Resolved, To lay the same on the table.

On motion of Rev. Lewis Green,

Resolved, That the separation of the Western District be referred to the Committee on Missionary Organization.

On motion of Rev. E. M. P. Wells, D.D.,

Resolved, That the 3d article of the Constitution be referred to a committee of five, of whom two shall be lawyers, to report to this Convention to-morrow morning on the true interpretation of the article.

On motion of Mr. J. B. Dow,

Resolved, That the election of officers be the order of the day for to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

The Chair appointed the following gentlemen as the Committee on the interpretation of Article III of the Constitution: Rev. E. M. P. Wells, D.D., the Rev. Charles Mason, D.D., the Rev. W. R. Babcock, Mr. Thomas L. Wakefield, and Mr. Geo. M. Browne.

The Rev. Thomas Vail, D.D., from the Committee on Unfinished Business, made the following Report:

The Committee on Unfinished Business report that they find on page 48 of the Journal of the last Convention, two matters which await the action of this Convention. One, a proposed amendment of Article III. of the Constitution, and the other, the Report of a Committee on a proposed Canon on the admission of New Parishes.

For the Committee, THOMAS H. VAIL.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Convention now adjourn, to meet in this place at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Adjourned.

Thursday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Morning prayer was read by the Rev. W. H. Trapnell.

The roll having been called, some members of the Convention, not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The Certificate of Lay Delegates from Christ Church, Pittsfield, was read, and the delegates admitted to seats in this Convention.

GEORGE CLARK,

LEVI COOK.

The Report of the Committee on Qualifications, was, on motion, taken up for discussion.

On motion of Eliakim Littell, Esq.,

Resolved, That the subject of the report be laid on the table until the Committee on the interpretation of Article III. of the Constitution report.

The Rev. W. Horton, D.D., from the Executive Committee, made the following Report:

The Executive Committee recommend Trinity Church as the *place* for the next annual meeting of the Convention of this Diocese, and the 1st Wednesday in May, 1861, as the *time*. The Rev. Nicholas Hoppin, D.D., Rector of Christ Church, Cambridge, as the preacher of the Annual Sermon, and the Rev. Thomas F. Fales, of Christ Church, Waltham, as the substitute.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. HORTON, *Chairman*.

On taking up this Report, it was on motion of Rev. Mr. Packard,

Resolved, That the *Wednesday after the first Sunday of May* be substituted for the first Wednesday.

The remainder of the Report was adopted.

On motion of Rev. George D. Wildes,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to take measures to provide for the entertainment of the clergy visiting the city to attend the Convention.

The Chair appointed as that Committee the Rev. Wm. R. Nicholson, D.D., the Rev. Charles Mason, D.D., and Mr. James B. Dow.

Some additional Certificates of Lay Delegates were handed in and read.

The Rev. Geo. M. Randall, D.D., from the Standing Committee of the Diocese, presented the following Annual Report:

Report of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee herewith present the Report of their doings for the past conventional year :

The Committee was duly organized on the 13th day of June, A. D., 1859, by the choice of the Rev. John S. Stone, D.D., as President, and Charles Henry Parker as Secretary. Mr. Parker having resigned, the Rev. Geo. M. Randall, D.D., was elected Secretary. The Committee have held eleven meetings during the year.

They have signed canonical testimonials in favor of the Rev. C. A. L. Richards, a Deacon recommending him to be admitted to the Order of the Priesthood.

They have signed the canonical testimonials in favor of Phillips Brooks, and R. F. Putnam, applying to be admitted to the Order of Deacons.

They have signed the canonical testimonials recommending A. H. Washburn, Rev. Frederick D. Huntington, D.D., and Wm. R. Huntington, to be admitted candidates for Holy Orders.

They elected Francis Hilliard, and Edward S. Rand, Esqs., to fill vacancies in the Lay Delegation to the General Convention.

They have given their canonical consent to the formation of a new Parish in the city of Boston, to be called Emmanuel Church, in accordance with Sect. 2, Can. V., Title III. of the Digest of Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.

GEO. M. RANDALL, *Secretary.*

Boston, May 2, A. D. 1860.

The Secretary read the following Report of the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen of the Diocese:

Report of the Widows and Orphans Society.

The Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen of the P. E. Church, have nothing to report for the past year, except the Treasurer's Account, which is herewith presented,* and the fact that the funds are steadily increasing.

* See Appendix.

The Annuity Fund now amounts to the sum of about \$13,202
 The Charity Fund to the sum of - - - - 2,456

Total, - - - - - \$15,658

In behalf of the Society,

FRED. H. STIMPSON, *Secretary*.

Boston, May 1, 1860.

The Rev. Geo. M. Randall, D.D., Church Registrar,
 made the following Report:

Registrar's Report.

The Church Registrar of this Diocese reports to the Convention, that he has received during the past year from Benj. P. Richardson, Esq., of Boston, the account book of the Treasurer of the Easter Collections of the Eastern Diocese; sundry documents from the Rev. Samuel Cutler; and a copy of the "Early History of the Church in the Diocese of Maine," from the Rev. Ed. Ballard. It is important that a complete set of the Journals the Conventions of this Diocese should be preserved in the archives of the Church, and the undersigned therefore recommends the adoption of a Resolution authorizing the Church Registrar to procure a set of such Journals, bound in a substantial and convenient form.

GEO. M. RANDALL, *Church Registrar*.

Boston, May 3, A. D., 1860.

On motion of the Rev. Geo. M. Randall, D.D.,

Resolved, That the Church Registrar be directed to procure copies of all the Journals of the Conventions of this Diocese, and have the same substantially bound and placed in the archives of the Church, and that he be authorized to draw upon the Treasurer for such amount as may be required to carry this Resolution into effect.

The Rev. Geo. D. Wildes, from the Board of Missions to Seamen, made the following Annual Report of that Body:

Report of the Board of Missions to Seamen.

The Diocesan Board of Missions to Seamen, beg leave to present the following Report :

Since the last Diocesan Convention some changes have taken place in the membership of the Board. The Rev. J. Cotton Smith, having removed from the Diocese, his place has been supplied by the election of the Rev. G. S. Converse, of St. James's, Roxbury. The Rev. Dr. Nicholson, of St. Paul's, Boston, has also been elected a member, in the place of J. Jeffries, M. D., resigned.

Early in the Conventional year, the Rev. John Irwin, then the Missionary, resigned the charge of the Mission, having been called to the Rectorship of the Parish of St. John's, Canada East. Mr. Irwin's labors in behalf of seamen, had so entirely commended him to the Board as a faithful and devoted minister of Christ, that no pains were spared by the friends of the Mission to retain his services in that field. It was with great reluctance that Mr. Irwin's resignation was accepted, and it is now alike the duty and pleasure of the Board to bear testimony to his zeal, efficiency, and success, while laboring in the service of the Mission. Many souls of his ministry now rejoice in Christian hope, and the Last Day will doubtless reveal other and blessed fruits of the self-denying and prayerful efforts of the Missionary among "them that remain in the broad sea."

Prior to the election of the present Missionary, the services at the Chapel in Commercial street were uninterrupted. The same gentleman who for years has devoted time and means to the service of the Mission, has never allowed its work to be suspended. With the assistance of various clergymen the usual services were constantly held, until the election of the present Missionary, and the wants of destitute seamen met, as before, by the valuable aid of the Ladies' Association, and of individual friends of the Mission.

The Rev. J. T. Burrill, Rector of Christ Church, having been elected the Missionary, took charge of the services at the Chapel on Septuagesima Sunday. His report to the Board

presents the details of service since that period, and furnishes occasion for renewed encouragement to the friends of the Diocesan Mission. It was deeply gratifying to the Board to be able to effect such arrangements as that the ancient Parish of Christ Church should be acceptably served, and at the same time their own field of duty be supplied. The labors of Mr. Burrill, in both relations, have thus far vindicated the wisdom of his selection, both as Rector and Chaplain. His well known faithfulness and success in other spheres of ministerial duty, fully warrant the belief that rich blessings await his ministrations in his present relation.

In closing their Report, the Board would express the conviction that at no period of its history has the Mission presented stronger grounds for encouragement and renewed zeal in its support, than at present. With a centrally located and convenient chapel, with an able and devoted Chaplain, with an increasing attendance of seamen upon the services, the Mission needs only an increase of the prayerful sympathy which it has always met with from some hearts, to render it more efficient as an agency of the Church in this Diocese in behalf of seamen. Shall it not receive such from a greater number of the Parishes, who by their representatives in Convention, annually elect a Board of Missions for its oversight? And especially, as in connection with its own field, in large proportion furnishing the means for the service of the ministry in the venerable Parish of Christ Church, may it not expect substantial aid from those to whom the memories and associations of the past are no less dear than is the cause with which the duties of the Board of Missions to Seamen are more immediately connected.

For the Board,

GEORGE D. WILDES,
GEORGE A. BROWN.

The Rev. Geo. D. Wildes also presented the Treasurer's Report of the Board of Missions to Seamen. (*See Appendix.*)

On motion of the Rev. Geo. M. Randall, D.D.,

Resolved, That the Rectors of the several Parishes in this Diocese be requested to make collections on Septuagesima Sunday in every year, or upon such other Sunday as

they may deem expedient, for the increase of the funds of the Society for the Relief of Aged and Indigent Clergymen.

The Rev. W. R. Babcock, from the Massachusetts Board of Missions, presented the following Annual Report of that Body:

Report of the Board of Missions.

The Board respectfully present to the Convention their twenty-fourth Annual Report:

By a Canon of the last Convention, several important changes were made in the constitution of this Board, for the purpose of effecting greater union of effort on the part of the Board and the District Associations, and also for the purpose of bringing the missionary organization of the Diocese, and the various fields of missionary labor into more close and familiar relations to each other. With these objects in view, the Canon of 1859 provided that each District Association be represented in the Board by three clerical delegates; and also, that every Parish in the Diocese, having contributed within the preceding year, at least, fifty dollars, for any missionary objects within the Diocese, be entitled to one Lay representative in the Board.

In accordance with these Provisions, the first meeting of the Board was held at the residence of the Bishop, on the evening of July 14, 1859. Certificates of election were presented by three Clerical Delegates from each of the District Associations, and also by one Lay Delegate each, from seven Parishes, namely:

Trinity Church, Boston.	St. Paul's Church, Brookline.
St. Paul's Church, Boston.	Christ Church, Cambridge.
Grace Church, Boston.	Christ Church, Waltham.
St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain.	

The following appropriations were made for the ensuing year, or at the same rate during so much of the year as the Parishes shall have settled clergymen:

To the Missionary at Nantucket,	-	-	-	-	\$200
“ “ Wood's Hole,	-	-	-	-	200
“ “ Swansea,	-	-	-	-	100
“ “ East Boston,	-	-	-	-	250

To the Missionary at North Adams,	-	-	-	400
“ “ Stockbridge and Lenox,	-	-	-	100
“ “ Vandeusenville,	-	-	-	150
“ “ Lee,	-	-	-	200
“ “ Chicopee,	-	-	-	200
“ “ Ashfield,	-	-	-	100
“ “ Danvers,	-	-	-	200
“ “ Plymouth,	-	-	-	150
Total,	-	-	-	<u>\$2,250</u>

The Treasurer reports the Missionaries all paid to April 1st, and the Board as being now free from debt.

Including the sums pledged at the last Convention toward paying arrearages of salary due to Missionaries, the Treasurer acknowledges the receipt, during the year, of \$2,720.78 for this Board; from the Eastern District Association, \$783.76; and from the Southern District Association, \$815.23, — making altogether \$4,219.77. This, however, does not cover the entire amount raised by the Associations, some portions of which are expended for local objects, and others sometimes find their way to the Missionaries, without passing through the hands of our Treasurer.

No applications for aid have been received during the year from new Missionary stations.

The Parishes at Newton Corner and Lenox have become self-supporting, and will require no further assistance from the Board.

The Parishes assisted by the Board, are believed to be generally in a healthy and prosperous condition, and several of them will soon be able to relieve the Board of further charge.

The Missionary at North and East Attleborough, employed by the Southern District Association, has been laboring with great fidelity and success; but under the heavy pressure of duties, his health has at length failed, and during the last two months his work has been carried forward by Clergymen engaged from time to time, by a committee of the Southern District, appointed for that purpose. His field of labor is one of unusual promise. Already, efforts are in progress for the erection of a Chapel, and

in due time, we believe, a rich harvest will be gathered from the seed which he has faithfully and assiduously sown.

At Hyde Park, the services of the Church have been maintained through the year, with little or no interruption, either by Clergymen sent by the Southern Association or by lay-reading. Arrangements are nearly completed for the erection of a Church, upon a lot to be given for that purpose. The growing interest manifested in the enterprise, and the rapid increase of population in that infant settlement, warrant the hope that they will soon have an established, vigorous and prosperous Parish.

Meetings of the Eastern and Southern Associations have been regularly and frequently held during the year. But on account of the distance at which the members reside from each other, the Western Association has only been able to hold quarterly meetings.

The Canon of 1859 provides that one or more Missionaries at large shall be appointed by the Board, whose duty it shall be to visit, explore and officiate under its direction. The importance of this provision was obvious to the Board, and had previously been the subject of frequent and earnest discussion. But all action in the premises had been restrained by the fact that the funds placed at our disposal, scarcely sufficed for the meagre maintenance of the few Missionaries already employed.

Under the authority given by the Canon, the Board determined to act, — to appoint an Itinerant Missionary, so soon as a suitable person could be found, — and for the means necessary to meet the additional expense thus incurred, to rely upon the Christian liberality of those by whose direction the appointment was made. In the last autumn, a committee was chosen to make the requisite inquiries, and to report to the Board so soon as a person could be found, possessing the requisite qualifications for discharging the delicate and responsible duties of such an office. But, after extensive inquiry and correspondence, this Committee were unable to recommend any person who was satisfactory to the Board.

At a Union Meeting of the Eastern and Southern Associations, holden in the month of March at the Church of the

Advent, in this City, the importance of this measure was fully discussed; a sum nearly sufficient for the support for one year of an Itinerant Missionary was promptly pledged; and the Rev. George W. Durell, of Calais, Maine, was recommended to the Board, as a suitable person to be employed. At our next meeting, this recommendation was approved, and the Rev. Mr. Durell was unanimously elected. But we regret to say he has declined our invitation, and that the year ends with this important post still unoccupied.

No material results appear to have followed the recent change in our Missionary organization, as regards either the attendance at the meetings of the Board, the amount of money contributed, or the number of Missionaries employed.

By the Canon of 1859, the appointment of Clerical Delegates is taken out of the hands of the Convention, and is committed to the Associations, only two of which, however, have been regularly represented by their delegates at the monthly meetings of the Board. Of the Parishes in the Diocese entitled to Lay representatives, more than one half have failed to appoint them. A larger attendance is, on many accounts, to be desired, especially as a means of creating a deeper interest in the Missionary work of the Diocese, and of awakening a wider sympathy with those who do it. This result might, perhaps, be attained, should the Convention see fit to allow the appointment of a somewhat larger number of Clerical Delegates from the District Associations, and should all the Parishes entitled to Lay representatives, appoint them, and urge their attendance, as often as may be practicable.

But after all, the vigor and efficiency of our Missionary work depend upon causes which lie deeper — love for the souls of our fellow men, for the Gospel and the Church of Christ, and a true, practical recognition of the responsibilities of our stewardship.

In conclusion, the Board recommend to the Convention the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the manifest change of public sentiment in favor of the *doctrines*, the *constitution*, and the *conservative policy* of the Church, and the important points around us, where her services are still to be introduced, unite to urge the strong and peculiar claim of our Missionary work to the earnest

prayers, the liberal contributions, and the hearty co-operation of every Parish in the Diocese.

On behalf of the Board,

W. R. BABCOCK, *Secretary.*

On motion,

Resolved, That the above Report be accepted, and the Resolution with which it closes, be adopted.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, the Convention proceeded to the election of a Standing Committee.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Theodore W. Snow and the Rev. James A. Bolles, D.D., a Committee to collect and count the votes for Standing Committee.

The Chair appointed the Rev. S. B. Shaw and Dr. Lyman, a Committee to collect and count the votes for a Deputy to the General Convention, in place of Rev. Geo. Leeds, who has removed from the Diocese.

On motion,

Resolved, That in the election of a Board of Missions to Seamen, balloting be dispensed with, and that the following gentlemen constitute the Board for the ensuing year :

Board of Missions to Seamen.

Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D.,	Geo. A. Brown,
Rev. W. R. Nicholson, D.D.,	Stephen G. Deblois,
Rev. Geo. D. Wildes,	Russel Sturgis, Jr.,
Rev. Geo. S. Converse,	Richard Girdler,
James S. Amory,	E. P. Tilston,
Benj. C. Clark,	Charles T. Howard.
Charles H. Parker,	

The Rev. S. B. Shaw, from the Committee to collect the votes for a Deputy to the General Convention, reported that no choice had been made by the Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. W. R. Nicholson, D.D., having the highest number of votes, be declared elected.

The Rev. James A. Bolles, D.D., from the Committee to collect the votes for standing Committee, announced that the Convention had elected the following gentlemen :

*Clergy.**Laity.*

The Rev. G. M. Randall, D.D.,

W. Appleton,

“ W. R. Nicholson, D.D.,

Otis Daniell,

“ Charles Mason, D.D.,

Charles H. Parker.

The Rev. Theodore W. Snow, from the Finance Committee, made the following Report :

Report of the Finance Committee.

This Committee would Report that the Treasurer of this Convention be empowered to pay the travelling expenses of Clerical members making application. This the Committee find to be the whole duty devolving upon them. They would respectfully suggest that, in future, the whole financial affairs of the Diocese be referred to this Committee.

THEODORE W. SNOW, *Chairman.*

The following amendment to the Canon of 1847, on Elections, was offered by the Rev. E. L. Drown : Strike out the 2d Section, and insert instead thereof, “Substitutes for Deputies shall be chosen at the same time and in the same manner as the Deputies are. And in the event of the resignation or the inability of any Deputy, Clerical or Lay, such vacancy shall be filled from the substitutes respectively, in the order in which they were chosen.”

Which was, on motion, adopted.

The Rev. E. M. P. Wells, D.D., from the Committee on the Interpretation of Art. III. of the Constitution, made the following Report :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the 3d Article of the Constitution of the Church in this Diocese, to report on the literal meaning thereof, respectfully report that having examined into the history of the Constitution from its origin, and compared the different parts of the Article with each other, they find but two phrases of doubtful meaning.

1. The first occurs on the top line of page 110, Journal of 1859, as follows: "regularly officiating in some Parish." The Committee feel bound to state that the literal meaning is "one Parish."

2. The second doubtful phrase occurs on the 11th line, and is as follows: "employed in performing the duties of his station." A majority of the Committee believe that the phrase is to be understood in a local, and not in an official, sense.

Your Committee being appointed to report on the *literal* meaning of the Article, do not feel authorized to express an opinion on the *spirit* of the same.

All which is respectfully submitted by the Committee,

E. M. P. WELLS,
CHARLES MASON,
WM. R. BABCOCK,
GEO. M. BROWNE,
T. M. WAKEFIELD.

Which Report was, on motion of Rev. Mr. Cutler, accepted.

On motion of Hon. Edward A. Newton,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to confer with the Trustees under the Will of the late William Price, to consider what legal and moral responsibility and duty are resting upon them, to carry out and fulfil the pious designs of the Testator, and report, in print, the same at the next annual meeting of this Convention.

By permission of the Chair, Hon. Edward A. Newton nominated the following gentlemen to serve as this Committee: The Rev. Theodore Edson, D.D., the Rev. Geo. M. Randall, D.D., Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, Geo. M. Browne, Esq., Richard H. Dana, Jr., Esq., with power to fill vacancies.

Which nomination was, on motion, confirmed by the Convention.

The Rev. Geo. M. Randall, D.D., from the Committee on Missionary Organization, presented the following:

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of dividing the Western District Association, recommend the adoption of the following Resolution :

Resolved, That this Convention recommend a division of the Western District Association : the Parishes in Berkshire County to compose the Western District, and the Parishes in Worcester, Franklin, and Hampton Counties, to constitute the Central District.

All which is submitted,

GEO. M. RANDALL, *Chairman*.

Which resolution was, on motion, adopted.

The Rev. Theodore Edson, D.D., from the Committee on New Parishes, presented the application of Grace Church, Attleborough, to be admitted into union with this Convention.

Which application was, on motion, granted, and Mr. Samuel G. Raymond, Lay Delegate from said Parish, appeared and took his seat.

The Rev. Geo. M. Randall, D.D., from the Committee on Missionary Organization, presented the following Report :

Section 1. Each of the four District Associations of this Diocese, shall, at its first meeting after Easter, elect three Clerical Delegates, who shall represent it in the Board of Missions.

Section 2. Every Parish in this Diocese, having within the year preceding contributed at least fifty dollars to the funds of the Board, shall be entitled to one Lay representative in the same.

Section 3. Parochial and Lay Delegates shall be chosen annually at Parish Meetings, or by the Wardens and Vestry, and shall continue in office until others are chosen in their places, or until the Parish has forfeited the right of representation in the Board, by a non-compliance with the conditions of this Canon.

The term of service of all the Delegates shall commence at the close of the Annual Convention.

Strike out Sections 8 and 9.

Which, after some discussion, was, on motion, adopted.

• On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now adjourn, to meet at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The minutes of the morning session were read, amended and approved.

The Report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was then taken up.

On motion of Hon. Edward A. Newton,

Resolved, That the amendment to Article III. of the Constitution, laid over from the last Convention, and printed on page 48 of the Journal of 1859, be indefinitely postponed.

The Rev. Geo. M. Randall, D.D., offered the following:

The Margaret Coffin Prayer-Book Society having been incorporated in 1856, for the purpose of procuring, circulating, and distributing the Book of Common Prayer, and this Society being desirous of increasing its means for a gratuitous distribution of the Prayer Book, and believing that this can best be done by procuring a set of stereotype plates of its own, therefore,

Resolved, That this Convention regards with favor the work of this Society, and hereby expresses its approval of the plan to procure a set of stereotype plates for its use, and commend this object as worthy the liberal aid of Churchmen in this Diocese.

On motion of the Rev. Edward L. Drown,

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to have printed upon the cover of the Journal, the Resolutions found upon page 57 of the Journal of 1858.

On motion of the Rev. E. M. P. Wells, D.D.,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the several Par-

ishes of this Diocese to make a collection during the Lenten Season, in aid of the funds of the Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.

On motion of Rev. E. M. P. Wells, D.D.,

Resolved, That this Convention accept for consideration a proposed alteration of Article III. of the Constitution, in the following form : After the words, "a stated worshipper of the Parish which he represents," insert the words, *and a communicant of this Church*.

On motion of Rev. Geo. M. Randall, D.D.,

Resolved, That one thousand copies of the Journal be printed, and that all the officers of incorporated Church institutions be added in the Appendix.

On motion,

Resolved, That the subject of a preacher of the Missionary Sermon be referred to the Board of Missions.

There being no more business before the Convention, it was

On motion,

Resolved, That after the usual religious services, the Convention adjourn.

The minutes of the session were then read and approved.

The members of the Convention then united in singing the "Gloria in Excelsis," and after prayer and benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

Attest :

JOSEPH H. CLINCH, *Secretary*.

GEORGE D. WILDES, *Assistant Secretary*.

APPENDIX.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Suffolk County.

Trinity Church, Boston.

THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 4, infants 17,) 21. Marriages, 4. Burials, 13. Confirmed, 23. Communicants, about 400. Sunday scholars, 100. Teachers, 19. The Bible Classes, conducted by the Assistant Minister, were discontinued at the time of his resignation; but a Bible Class of young men has recently been formed, which now consists of 7, and which is conducted by a candidate for Orders.

The contributions have been as follows:— Communion offerings, \$904.95; Diocesan Missions, \$798.06; Foreign Missions, \$753.92; Episcopal Miss. Asso. for the West, \$240.66; City Missions, \$150; For building of churches in this Diocese, \$555; For Education in Kenyon College, \$207; Collected at the Price Lectures, \$108.26; American Bible Society, \$278.75; Evan. Knowl. Society, \$10; Diocesan Board of Missions for Seamen, \$3058.43; Seamen's Clothing Fund, \$116.55; Trinity Church Charitable Soc. for clothing the Poor, \$251; Church Home for Orphan and Destitute Children, \$4722; Offertory Collection at

Convention for Society for Relief of Widows and Orphans of Clergymen, \$69.01; Father Chiniqui's Mission, \$155; Irish Society, in response to the Rev. Mr. Hanlon, \$132.15; Griswold College, \$276; For the Sunday School of Trinity Church, \$130.73; For other benevolent objects, \$177. The total amount of contributions is \$13,094.47.

Christ Church, Boston.

THE REV. JOHN T. BURRILL, Rector.

Baptisms, 85. Marriages, 10. Burials, 13. Confirmed, 0. Communicants: added, 5; died or removed, 40; present number, 56. Missionary contributions: Massachusetts Board, \$10; Eastern District Association, \$10; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$10; Calvary Church, Danvers, \$7; Offertory, \$162.25; Other benevolent objects, \$74. Total, \$273.25. Sunday School scholars, 52.

The above statistics indicate the present state of this Parish. They are considerably below the average of what has been reported in past years. A large number of names of communicants have been erased, for the reason that they have not attended worship in this church for years. The former Rector tendered his resignation in September last. The present Rector entered upon his duties on Septuagesima Sunday, Feb. 5. He hopes, by the Divine blessing on his labors, to be able to make a more favorable report to the next Convention.

St. Paul's Church, Boston.

THE REV. WILLIAM R. NICHOLSON, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 12, adults 2,) 14. Confirmed, 17. Communicants: died, 4; added, 17; present number, 400. Burials, 3. Marriages, 1. Contributions: Communion alms, \$736.76; Ladies' Circle, Missions, \$402.02; Diocesan Missions, \$671.60; Domestic Missions, \$616.29; Foreign Missions, \$1,006.48; American Bible Society, \$403; E. K. Society, \$156; Other benevolent objects, \$1,932.27; Total, \$6,004.42.

Grace Church, Boston.

THE REV. CHARLES MASON, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, 17. Communicants: added, 94; died or removed, 25; present number, 208. Confirmed, 14. Marriages, 9. Burials, 8. Sunday School: Teachers, 21; Scholars, 105. Bible Class, 23. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$320; Diocesan Board, \$130; Communion offerings, \$287.11; Other charitable offerings, \$300; Fund for Widows and Orphans of Clergy, \$40; Clerical Fund, \$30; American Bible Society, \$70; Church Home for Orphans, \$257; P. E. S. Union Library Books for Iowa, at disposal of Bishop Lee, \$200; Repainting interior of the Church, Tablets, &c., \$858. Total, \$2,492.11.

After an absence from the country of about a year, the Rector resumed his duties in Grace Church in September last. The Church had been closed for repainting and various repairs, most of July and August. The above statistics are nearly all for the past eight months. The improvement in the appearance of the interior of the Church is very great, the expense of which was borne by two gentlemen of the Parish, to whom it is greatly indebted for many liberal contributions to promote its welfare. Collections have been made by individuals, from time to time, for Church building and other objects, of which the Rector has no exact record.

Church of the Messiah, Boston.

THE REV. GEORGE M. RANDALL, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 23, adults 4,) 27. Confirmed, 11. Communicants: added, 41; died or removed, 26; present number, 356. Burials, 20. Marriages, 12. Sunday School scholars, 209; Teachers, 26; with Superintendent, Librarian, and Assistant Librarian; Total, 238. Contributions: Communion alms, \$320.70; Ladies' circle for the poor, \$65; Other contributions for the poor, \$7.50; Sunday School collections, \$226.14, of

which \$40 were for the education of two children in Africa ; Weekly offerings, \$511.11, of which \$41.39 were for American Bible Society ; Visitor of the poor, \$151.50 ; Protestant Episcopal S. S. Union, \$31.05 ; Building church in Kansas, \$30 ; Society for the increase of the Ministry, \$37 ; Diocesan Missions, \$62 ; Widows and Orphans Society, \$28 ; Total, \$1,130.84.

Church of the Advent, Boston.

THE REV. JAMES A. BOLLES, D.D., Rector.

THE REV. M. P. STICKNEY, Assistant.

Baptisms, (adults 13, infants 26,) 39. Confirmed, 25. Marriages, 9. Burials, 24. Communicants : died or removed, 19 ; added, 45 ; Total, 402. Sunday School scholars, 132 ; Teachers, 22. Offerings : On Sundays, and other Holy Days, \$27,659.64 ; Alms chest, \$519.71 ; Sunday School, \$62.90 ; Guild, \$1000 ; Total, \$29,242.25.

St. Mark's Church, Boston.

THE REV. C. F. KNIGHT, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 13, adults 4,) 17. Communicants : added, 61 ; died or removed, 20 ; present number, 223. Confirmed, 10. Marriages, 2. Burials, 11. Alms and other monies given for religious purposes within the Parish, \$217.40 ; for Diocesan Missions, \$100 ; for other religious purposes without the Parish, \$120 ; Total, \$437.40.

During the past year, land has been bought and a Church built for the temporary use of the Parish, having sittings for 500 people, at the cost of about \$20,000.

St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston.

THE REV. E. M. P. WELLS, D.D., Missionary.

Baptisms, 84. Confirmed, 13. Communicants : Nominal ones, more than could be seated in the Church. Some do not

communicate oftener than once in two, three, or four years, so that during the year not more than two hundred different persons communicate. Marriages, 44. Burials, 37. Public Catechizings, 12. Sunday School Teachers, 20; Scholars, 135. Amount given by the Congregation for Missionary purposes and other religious objects, \$932.

The services in the Church have been 772, at which 190 sermons and addresses have been delivered. The Holy Communion I have administered 29 times at Church, and to the sick and dying. The annual amount of relief to the poor given at and from St. Stephen's House, is \$5,572.06, which has furnished 51,890 items in food, clothing, fuel, rent, work, nursing, and the like. Some items of which are, 34,594 meals; 9,572 lodgings; 1,245 loaves given to families; 1,349 parcels of tea and sugar; 205 small bags of flour and meal; 1,612 pairs of shoes, socks, shirts, flannels, outer garments, &c., besides second-hand articles; 170 large comforters and blankets; 170 weeks' rent; 120 weeks' nursing and care of the sick; 150 parcels of fuel; 1,307 days' work, done by and for the poor; and 1,065 articles made by and for the poor, and a fair price paid therefor.

I have been assisted in my Church and Parochial work for some months past, by the Rev. Dexter Potter. The Sunday School, under the care of Mr. Russell Sturgis, Jr., with an excellent board of Teachers, has made a great advance during the past winter.

St. Matthew's Church, South Boston.

THE REV. JOSEPH H. CLINCH, late Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 52, adult 0,) 52. Communicants: added, 24; died or removed, 14; present number, 103. Confirmed, 7. Marriages, 17. Burials, 36; Sunday School scholars, 160. Missionary Contributions: Gen. Board, Foreign, \$5; Domestic, \$5; Miss'y A. for West, \$5; Mass. Board, \$50; Other contributions: within the Parish, Communion alms, \$106.03;

Parochial collections, \$70.86; \$176.86. Without the Parish: For the Jews, \$9; Bible Society, \$6; Father Chiniquy, \$5; Griswold College, \$5; Galesburg, Ill., \$13.50; St. David's, New Brunswick, \$6; \$44.50. Total contributions, \$286.36.

The late Rector resigned his office at Easter, and immediately entered upon the duties of Chaplain to the City Institutions, to which he had been previously elected. The Parish has not yet selected a successor, the Parochial duties being discharged by the late Rector, so far as his other occupations will permit. An effort is now being made by the Congregation to disencumber themselves of the cemetery under the Church—a nuisance and incubus which for many years have seriously impeded the growth of the Parish in this flourishing and populous ward of the City.

St. John's Church, East Boston.

THE REV. S. J. EVANS, Rector.

The Rector would respectfully report that during the past Conventional year he has baptized 18 persons, 17 infants, and 1 adult. Married, 2 couples. Buried, 11. On April 22, 1860, the Bishop of the Diocese confirmed 10 persons. Communicants: removed by transfer, 2; by death, 1; present number, 62. The Communion alms have amounted to \$54.25. Contributions for Sunday School purposes, \$10.55; American Bible Society, \$7; for Diocesan Missions, and other purposes, \$34.10.

The Parish is in a good working condition. It is gradually advancing and strengthening. Our usual Lent Lectures have been very well attended, and amidst the various changes incident to our population, which is a cause of suffering, the ordinary Sunday attendance has been very good. The depression in commerce affects us unfavorably, and yet the Parish has done better than might have been justly expected. The number of persons confirmed has been nearly double that of any former period; and in a spiritual point of view, we hope for much more encouraging days.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :

Episcopal Mission to Seamen.

In the Convention of 1845, the subject of Missions to Seamen was introduced, under the conviction that the Church ought to do something for the benefit of this class of men, — a class, who for their usefulness, perils, and privations, have a strong claim upon our sympathy and active charity.

This duty was entrusted to a Board appointed by that Convention, and annually elected since for the same purpose. Under the charge of this Board, the “Episcopal Mission for Seamen” was established, and is still fulfilling its appointed duties. It exists as an integral part of our Diocesan Missionary work, under the sanction of the Convention ; and what is best of all, it has received, by manifest tokens, the sanction of the great Head of the Church in Heaven. The records and reports of the past fifteen years indicate a degree of success sufficient to satisfy us that it is an agency favored of God, and worthy of the continued support of his people.

Having so recently taken charge of this Mission, I can only speak of the commencement of my labors, and of my humble trust in the blessing of Him, who has promised the fruits in due season, if we faint not.

I entered upon my duties at the Seamen’s Chapel, on Septuagesima Sunday, Feb. 5, since which the members in attendance have increased, and much interest has been manifested in the services. The congregations in the morning, I am informed, number from 30 to 50. In the evening, the number present at the first service which I attended was about 60, and at the last over 100. A large proportion of these are seamen, and such as are employed about ships, either as mechanics or laborers.

The evening service on Sunday is invariably followed by a prayer meeting, in which Sailors have often spoken of what God has done for their souls, and many earnest prayers are offered for the conversion of others. The Tuesday evening prayer meeting is not numerously attended, — usually from 10 to 15 are

present, — but it has been found profitable to those who do attend, and I can bear warm testimony to the beneficial effects of these social religious meetings.

I have administered the Lord's Supper in the Chapel on three occasions. On the first, there were 11, and on the last, 16 communicants. These seasons of partaking of the memorials of a dying Saviour's love have been peculiarly solemn and edifying.

Since assuming the charge of this Mission, I have invited the seamen who attend our services, to meet me at the Chapel on Tuesday and Friday mornings of each week, for religious consultation, and for the purpose of receiving Bibles or tracts, and such articles of clothing as those in destitute circumstances may stand in need of. I have usually found a number waiting for me at the door on my arrival. I have distributed 67 Bibles to seamen, who were destitute of a copy of the Sacred Scriptures; 14 Prayer Books, and a large amount of tracts and religious papers. I have also distributed among destitute seamen, 147 articles of clothing. On one occasion I clothed the entire crew of an English brig which was wrecked in coming into our harbor. They were at our Chapel all day on the Sunday after their rescue, and were very destitute. Another crew from Cape Verd Islands, consisting of 12 young men, were supplied with Bibles and other religious reading on the day before sailing. One of them was evidently a pious man, and induced the others to come to our Chapel. I can never forget the interest which he manifested for their spiritual welfare. It was to me a striking illustration of the value and importance of the conversion of *one sailor* to God.

This Mission is doing a good work, not only for sailors who are in port but a short time, and then off upon the ocean again, but for others who have a more permanent residence among us, and who do not attend any other place of worship. It is unobtrusive and quiet in all its operations, and its meetings have been thus far well sustained without extraneous aid. It has probably never been on a better or more permanent footing than it is at this day, nor have its prospects for usefulness been more encouraging. Cheered by the favoring smiles of the Great Head of the

Church; sustained by the prayers and contributions of its friends, — it is an agency in the cause of seamen which commends itself to the Church in this City and Diocese.

J. T. BURRILL, *Missionary*.

Free Church of St. Mary, for Sailors.

Richmond Street, Boston.

THE REV. JOHN P. ROBINSON, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 18, adults 3,) 21. Confirmed, 13. Communicants: added, 15; present number, 95. Burials, 23. Marriages, 24. Sunday School scholars, 60; Teachers, 7. Contributions received by the Rector through the Post Office, or sent to his house, \$636.10; Annual Subscriptions, \$1,080; Offertory at the Church, \$341.03; Total, \$2,057.13. Clothing, fuel, food, &c.: To shipwrecked and destitute seamen and other needy people have been given, 57 flannel shirts, 48 prs. flannel drawers, 35 undershirts, 27 cotton flannel shirts, 5 dozen prs. woolen socks, 15 overcoats, 18 Guernsey frocks, 12 green flannel boys' jackets, 135 garments for women and children's wear, 50 prs. rubber shoes, and 40 prs. leather shoes for children, 10 prs. men's rubber boots; fuel, rent, groceries, and other charities, \$190. Church expenses: Organist, \$52; Choir, \$100; Gas, \$30; Coal, \$25; Printing, \$65; Repairs, and other expenses, \$160; Total, \$432. Book distribution: As in former years, our seamen before going to sea, have been supplied with Bibles, Testaments, Prayer Books, Tracts, and other suitable publications. Almost every week, tidings reach us of the benefit this department of labor is working on the minds of seamen while away from home. To a considerable extent it has taken the place of the debasing literature which formerly found its way into the fore-castle. 700 Bibles and 800 Testaments in all languages have been given to seamen on the eve of sailing. Prayer Books, 10 French, 10 German, and 650 English. In addition to these, over 700 religious books, with tracts, papers, &c., without count.

It is with no ordinary feeling of gratitude to the "Giver of
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every good and perfect gift," that the Rector of St. Mary's presents this, his fifteenth annual report of labor among seamen. Trials many, and troubles not a few, have in former years attended his ministry to "the men of the sea." These he has no disposition to dwell upon or to repeat, and he only refers to them at this time as existing in happy contrast with the blessings of that Gracious Providence, which during the past year have crowned his labors, and filled his heart with cheerful courage to do with all his might the abundant work which his hands have found to do, in this most interesting portion of the maritime field. Never since he first entered upon his Mission, have its friends been more numerous or more liberal. Neither words nor works have been wanting on their part to assure him of their sympathy and their confidence.

The Christian good will of the community has been gradually and most encouragingly turning for the last few years towards this branch of our Master's work, so that it has now become with many a favorite charity of the Church. For myself, I thank my brethren, Clerical and Lay, for their prayers, their counsels, and their cordial co-operation in behalf of that class for whom it is alike my duty and my delight to labor. I thank them for the facilities which they have afforded in furthering this labor of love.

The attendance on the services during the past year, has been highly encouraging. The attention which these worshippers, whose home is on the sea, have given to the word preached, the strict propriety of their behaviour in the church, the earnest anxiety which they have manifested to receive the Bible, Prayer Book, and Tracts, have been such as to inspire their minister with great hope that God's Holy Spirit has begun a good work in the hearts of a class of our fellow-men, whose spiritual interests have been so long neglected.

The improved condition of seamen, and the increasing interest in their temporal and spiritual welfare on the part of Christians of all names, are surely among the happy signs of the times, and encourage us to look for still better things to come.

What we now need to carry out our work to completeness,

are the prayers, and sympathies, and liberal benefactions of all who love our Lord Jesus Christ. In this department of Christian labor, no missionary enterprise promises richer, more abundant, or more immediate fruits, — fruits which will tell directly upon the great work of evangelizing the whole world.

Within a few months the Rector of St. Mary's has conveyed the Church property in Richmond street, to the Rev. G. M. Randall, D.D., Rev. E. M. P. Wells, D.D., Rev. W. R. Nicholson, D.D., Rev. Charles Mason, D.D., Rev. James A. Bolles, D.D., Rev. Thomas R. Lambert, and the Rev. C. F. Knight, to be held by them and their successors forever, in trust, for the spiritual benefit of sailors. This transaction marks an epoch in the history of this Parish. It places the Mission on a permanent footing, and it may henceforth be ranked among the established institutions of the Church in Massachusetts.

It gives the Missionary great pleasure furthermore, to announce to the friends of this cause, the formation of an Association of ladies in this city, under the name of the "Sailor's Aid Society, of the Free Church of St. Mary, for Sailors." It is composed of ladies from the Parishes in Boston and its vicinity. The object of the Association is to clothe shipwrecked and other destitute seamen, and furnish employment, so far as may be, to the families of poor and deserving persons whose vocations are connected with the sea.

With this brief Report of another year's work, he would ask of his brethren and friends, the continuance of their prayers, sympathy, and aid.

Contributions may be sent by mail or otherwise, and will be immediately acknowledged.

St. Luke's Church, Chelsea.

THE REV. WILLIAM S. BARTLET, late Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 5, adults 0,) 5. Communicants: died or removed, 7; present number, 47. Sunday school scholars, 50. Contributions for religious purposes, within the Parish, \$5.05;

Communion alms, \$7.04. This amount paid the Senior Warden in January last, to be added to the offerings of the Sunday School about to be made publicly in church, which amount had been contributed by the scholars of the Sunday School, and was intended for the Eastern District Missionary Association.

The above Report covers the space of about two months, up to July 1, 1859, at which time I resigned the Rectorship of this Parish.

St. Luke's Church, Chelsea.

THE REV. JAMES H. TYNG, Rector.

The present Rector took charge of this Parish last August. At that time it seemed in the most reduced condition. Since then it has improved in numbers and in spirit. The Baptisms have been 12. Confirmed, 6. The increase of members communing has kept pace with the increase of the congregation. Peculiar interest and importance attach to the maintainance of this Church, and liberal aid, if necessary, would be well bestowed for this purpose.

St. Andrew's Church, Chelsea.

THE REV. ARTHUR MASON, Rector.

Baptisms, 7. Communicants: present number, 56. Burials, 4. Sunday School: Teachers, 8; Scholars, 42.

Having accepted a call to the Rectorship of St. Andrew's Church, I entered upon the duties of the same early in the month of January. For eight months previous to that time the Parish had been without pastoral supervision. Its condition may be said to be prosperous. Thus far, the present incumbent has been greatly encouraged by the hearty co-operation and zeal of its members, and he looks forward with much hope to the future.

There is a steady increase in the number of the congregation. Through Lent, the Church was open for Divine service and lectures three times during the week, and in Passion week twice

daily. The attendance upon all these services was excellent. The Church, which is a fine specimen of architectural taste, has been occupied since last Trinity Sunday. It is earnestly hoped that the debt on it will before long be removed.

The Sunday School is in a flourishing condition, under the able management of its faithful and devoted Superintendent.

If peace and unity only prevail among us, and to active efforts are joined fervent prayers, we shall certainly receive the blessing of our God.

Essex County.

St. Peter's Church, Salem.

[No Report.]

Grace Church, Salem.

THE REV. GEORGE D. WILDES, Rector.

Baptisms, 16. Confirmed, 8. Communicants: added, 10; present number, 60. Marriages, 4. Burials, 3. Sunday School scholars, 70; Teachers, 11; Rector's Bible Class, 20. Collections at Communion, \$240; Other collections: Sunday School, Missionary contributions, \$50; for Sunday School library, \$40.

The Parish of Grace Church has been established only eleven months. The present Rector entered upon his duties May 22d, 1859, at which time the first service was held in the new and beautiful church. On Thursday, June 2d, the Bishop of the Diocese consecrated the church, occasion being afforded at the same time, through invitation of the members of Grace Church, for a delightful social gathering of the Clergy present, with the Parishioners of Grace and St. Peter's. The purpose long cherished by a few devoted Churchmen, of forming another Parish in the ancient city of Salem, was thus happily accomplished, and the undertaking has been accompanied by rich tokens of the Divine favor. Entire harmony of purpose and action have prevailed

throughout, and whatever of faithfulness has marked the care of their spiritual interests, has been encouraged by the kindly confidence, the willing co-operation and well-directed zeal of the members of the Church and Congregation.

Brief as is the period of its history, Grace Church may now well take rank among the most firmly established and influential churches of the Diocese. The sanctuary in all its appointments is a tasteful example of ecclesiastical propriety, convenience and economy. A very flourishing Sunday School and Bible Class encourage the labors of the Rector and Teachers. The congregations on the Lord's Day are uniformly large, and the few communicants originally identified with the movement, have found cheerful sympathy and ready hands among the parishioners, for every good work. A large proportion, too, of the worshippers at Grace Church, are of families formerly connected with other Christian bodies.

It is perhaps proper to state that the whole expenditure for the erection of the Church and the purchase of land, organ, &c., amounting to about \$10,000, has been entirely met by members of the Parish. The example of Grace Church in this particular, may well encourage other parishes to a like effort for meeting their own expenditures.

The contributions for the past year have in great measure been directed to strictly parochial objects. This, however, has not interfered with other plans of benevolence. Very considerable aid has been furnished to worthy poor outside the parish limits, and occasional collections appropriated to various public charities. It is believed that Grace Church will at no time be found lacking in ready sympathy with every object properly claiming the regard of its members. If its own blessings from God's hand have been great, it is the earnest desire of its founders that the usefulness of the Parish in the Redeemer's cause may be great also. Our blessings are for that end. May they always be thus recognized and improved.

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

[No Report.]

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

THE REV. WILLIAM HORTON, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 16, adults 4,) 20. Confirmed, 11. Communicants, 175. Marriages, 6. Burials, 18. Sunday School: Superintendent, 1; Teachers, 19; Scholars, 120. Contributions: Theological Education, \$125; American Bible Society, \$30; Church Edifices, \$96.01; Communion Offerings, \$107.61; General Charity, \$165.59; Diocesan Missions, \$25; Domestic Missions, \$32; Foreign Missions, \$30; Sunday School Offerings: Africa, \$20; Iowa, \$10. Total, \$541.21.

The Sunday School is in a flourishing condition, the result of the wise and indefatigable efforts of David Wood, Esq., the Superintendent, seconded by a devoted band of teachers.

I cannot conclude this report without recording the fact that this ancient parish has been entirely freed from pecuniary obligations of every kind, to Easter, 1860, by the generosity of one of its members, Hon. Edward S. Rand, who, for the period of half a century, has been an unwearied and most liberal supporter of this parish, and of all the institutions of the Episcopal Church.

The church grounds and edifice are kept in perfect order and repair by the parish, of which, as being expenses incurred *within* its bounds, we make no report. But it may be proper to add that the sidewalk in front of the church has been paved with brick, by the generous contribution of Mr. and Mrs. John Bogardus.

St. James's Church, Amesbury.

THE REV. D. G. ESTES, Rector.

Marriages, 2. Baptisms, (infants,) 8. Burials, 3. Communicants: last reported, 49; added, 3; present number, 52. Contributions: Calvary Church, Danvers, \$10; American Bible Society, \$8.64; Communion Alms, \$31.67; Sunday School Library, \$36; Parochial purposes, \$285.79.

The above report I have made out at the request of the Rector, who has been at the South since December 1, 1859, but designs to return early in June. My own services in his church, owing to my residence in Newburyport, have been limited to supplying the pulpit on Sundays, once in December last and seventeen times the present year. One of the reported marriages and one of the baptisms were celebrated by me.

G. T. CHAPMAN.

Newburyport, May 2, 1860.

Christ Church, Andover.

THE REV. SAMUEL FULLER, D.D., late Rector.

The Rectorship of this parish, which a kind Providence had allowed me to occupy at two different periods, viz., from October, 1837, to August, 1843, and from October, 1849, to October, 1859, an interval thus embracing nearly sixteen years, I was constrained to resign in June last, in consequence of being elected Professor of the Interpretation of Scripture in the Berkley Divinity School, in Middletown, Conn., and by the conditions of the resignation, vacated the charge at the end of the following September.

In now reporting the severance of this protracted and responsible connection, I desire also to record my grateful acknowledgments to the parishioners for all their acts of indulgence and kindness, both to myself and family, and to implore for every one of them the richest temporal and spiritual blessings.

After the last Convention, and previous to my removal, three infants were baptized, and one adult. There was one marriage and two burials.

During my ministry in this church, from 1849 to 1859, 170 persons were baptized, viz., 10 adults and 160 children; 102 were confirmed, and 149 admitted to the holy communion. During this period, there were 38 marriages and 103 burials.

May God of his mercy in Christ enable the minister and people, who survive, so to live, that in his good time we may all join the company of the dead who are sleeping in the Lord Jesus!

Christ Church, Andover.

THE REV. BENJAMIN B. BABBITT, Rector.

The present Rector, who has officiated regularly in this Parish since Christmas day of last year, took charge thereof on the first of April, and can report only such matters as are within his reach.

Baptisms, (infants 1, adults 1,) 2. Confirmed, 2. Communicants: added, 7; died or removed, 14; present number, not far from 100. Sunday Scholars, not far from 100. Contributions since Dr. Fuller's resignation: For American Bible Society, \$45.15; Miscellaneous, within the Parish, \$15.35. Since the present Rector has had charge: For Widows and Orphans Society, \$20; For Church Book Society, \$16.50.

During the vacancy in the Rectorship, both the Church and the Parsonage have been put in thorough repair. The Sunday School is in good order, and altogether the work is in a promising condition. There is a small class for confirmation waiting the Bishop's visitation in a few days.

St. Stephen's Church, Lynn.

THE REV. I. W. HALLAM, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants,) 4. Communicants: added, 10; Removed, 6; Present Number, 65. Confirmed, 6. Marriages, 5. Burials, 7. Sunday School scholars, 40. Contributions: Of- fertory, \$46.96; Ladies' Sewing Society, \$25; Repairs on the Church, \$255; Total, \$326.96.

My connection with this Parish will terminate on Saturday, the 5th inst.

Grace Church, Lawrence.

THE REV. GEORGE PACKARD, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 2, infants 41,) 43. Communicants: added, 22; died, 4; removed, 24; present number, 130. Confirmed,

17. Marriages, 15. Burials, 27. Sunday School: Superintendent, 1; Librarian, 1; Teachers, (male 7, female 18,) 20; Scholars, 150. Contributions: Eastern District Missionary Association, \$50; Missions in Massachusetts, \$10; Foreign Missions, Africa, \$55; Missionary Association for the West, \$25; American Bible Society, \$23.25; Offertory, \$117.79; Special collections for Parish purposes, \$96.89; Collection in Church, Sunday after the Pemberton Disaster, \$880.59; Ladies' Sewing Circle, for repairs of Parish Church, \$600; For Church in Lawrence, Kansas, \$30; Total, \$1,888.52.

Besides the burials noted above, I should mention that on the afternoon of Sunday, March 4, the bodies of 13 persons, who were the unrecognized of the Pemberton accident, were removed from the receiving tomb and committed to the grave. Upon this unusual and melancholy occasion, I performed our prescribed burial service. The sad catastrophe, which caused the death of nearly 100, and wounded, more or less seriously, 250 persons, makes the past Conventional year a signal year in the history of this community. May the prayers that have been offered from so many hearts, that God would overrule this awful disaster for good, be graciously answered!

Trinity Church, Haverhill.

THE REV. C. H. SEYMOUR, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 8, adults 2,) 10. Communicants: added, 12; died or removed, 4; present number, 56. Confirmed, 6. Married, 6. Buried, 9. Sunday School scholars, 60. Missionary contributions, Massachusetts Board, \$9. Other contributions, in the Parish, \$283; without the Parish, \$85.

The Rector reports the Parish in a prosperous condition. Little has been done, as is evident from the Report, for the cause of Missions. Still it should be borne in mind that this is the first year of the Parish's independence. Another year, with God's blessing, it is hoped a less selfish spirit may characterize the Report. Charity with us must needs have been, during the last year, confined at home.

Calvary Church, Danvers.

THE REV. ROBERT F. CHASE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants,) 13. Communicants: added, 8; died or removed, 4; present number, 36. Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 3. Burials, 6. Sunday School scholars, about 50. Contributions: Offertory, \$22.82; American Bible Society, \$5; Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$2.25; Foreign Missions, (offering of the Sunday School, \$9.28,) \$11; Domestic Missions, \$3; Church Missionary Association of the Eastern District, \$10; Other contributions, including the amount of the weekly collections, and the sum raised by the ladies for furnishing the church, about \$350; Total, \$404.07.

The prospects of this Parish are encouraging. During the past year the services have been well attended, and the hearts of some have been touched to serve the Lord. The meetings of the Bible Class have been more generally attended than heretofore, and a greater degree of interest has been manifested in acquiring that religious knowledge which is able to make us wise unto salvation. It is hoped that after the completion of the church, increased privileges will lead to increasing devotion and piety.

The corner-stone of Calvary Church was laid by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, in the presence of several of the Clergy, and a numerous assembly, on Wednesday, May 11, 1859. The building will probably be ready for consecration within a few weeks.

*Middlesex County.**Christ Church, Cambridge.*

THE REV. N. HOPPIN, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 23, adults 5,) 28. Communicants: died or removed, 15; added, 37; present number, 200. Confirmed, 31. Marriages, 5. Burials, 12. Sunday scholars, 80. Con-

tributions : Massachusetts Board of Missions, \$22.22 ; General Foreign Missions, \$44 ; General Domestic Missions, \$79 ; St. Mary's Church for Seamen, Boston, \$40 ; Church Book Society, \$90 ; Charitable collections, \$205.94 ; Collections for Sunday School, \$71.17 ; Sunday School offerings, (two months,) \$27.56 ; Subscription towards the chime, about \$400 ; Gift from a member of the Parish for a chancel window, \$1000 ; Total, \$1,977.67.

The above shows about the same advance as in former years. The Sunday School, though never large, has generally included nearly all the children in the Parish of a suitable age. More than two-thirds belong to families who have emigrated from the Old Country. As these lambs of the Saviour come forward in age, they are gathered into the school ; though the scattered character of the congregation, and other circumstances, have made it difficult to secure a full attendance throughout the year. The winter school has usually dwindled. A change, made just before Lent, from the morning to the afternoon, has worked well in bringing in a greater number, both from far and near. With the help of diligent and well-qualified teachers, this department, it is hoped, is doing good service to the Master's cause. The number of scholars stated does not include a class of fifty or sixty adults under the instruction of the Rev. Dr. Huntington.

During three months of the last year, including the holy seasons of Advent and Lent, the Church was opened for night services, which were well frequented.

On Easter Day, a chime of thirteen bells, procured chiefly by subscriptions and contributions from citizens of Cambridge, and others interested in the University or the Church, at a cost of about \$5,000, was rung for the first time in honor of the Redeemer's triumph, and will hereafter add to the attractiveness of our festal days and services. The Chancel was adorned on the same occasion with a costly window of stained glass, — a tribute from a member of the Church to the memory of a deceased parent, — a great addition also to the elegance of the Sanctuary.

May we worship the Lord with that inward "beauty of holiness," of which the material adornment of God's house is the natural expression ! We have abundant reasons to praise and bless his holy name.

St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport.

THE REV WILLIAM P. PAGE, Rector.

This Parish, I am most happy to say, is, by the blessing of God, at the present time in a highly promising condition, relieved entirely from pecuniary embarrassment, and self-supporting, instead of being dependent in part, as for so many years it has been, upon missionary aid. Our little church, upon all religious occasions, is well filled with a devout and attentive congregation. By making some desirable changes in the interior of the church, we have been enabled to gain several additional pews, much wanted; and, in place of the old organ, a very inferior *hired* instrument, we have recently obtained a new organ of excellent tone, through the liberality of our members.

These, and other things that might be named, give gratifying evidence of the interest felt in the prosperity of the Church. Nor is there, I trust, spiritually, a less degree of interest, a sincere and earnest desire to know the way of salvation, the great end for which, under God, the Church and all her services are but his appointed means.

Number of baptisms the past year, 11. Present number of communicants, 65. Confirmed, 11. Marriages, 7. Burials, 12. Sunday School: Scholars, 70; Teachers, 14. Missionary contributions: Domestic, \$5.36; Foreign, \$5.36; For Seamen's Mission, \$11; Contribution for new organ, \$600. Our contributions for general religious purposes have been less liberal than I trust they hereafter will be, owing to our own special wants.

St. Anne's Church, Lowell.

THE REV. THEODORE EDSON, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 116, adults 15) 131. Communicants: added, 39; died or removed, 36; present number, 447. Confirmed, 127. Marriages, 28. Burials, 38. Sunday School scholars, 400. Missionary contributions; General Board, For-

eign, \$250; Domestic, \$177; \$427; Massachusetts Board, Eastern District Missionary Association, \$118; Central Treasury, \$25; \$143. Other contributions for religious purposes: within the Parish, Prayer Books and Bibles, \$115; Rector's library, \$47.79; Sunday School and other expenses, \$60; Alms distributed, \$470.91; \$693.70. Without the Parish, Church extension, \$291; Education for ministry, \$120; Church Book Society, \$50; Widows and Orphans Society, \$25; Seamen, \$6; \$492.

There having been no administration of the Lord's Supper since the last confirmation, the recently-confirmed who are expected to receive the Holy Communion on Sunday next, cannot be reckoned as added to the number of communicants in this Report. The Rector is happy to state that, by the valuable services of his Assistant, the Rev. Mr. Homer, Divine worship is sustained regularly on Sundays, in a hall where a pleasant congregation is gathered.

St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls.

THE REV. B. F. DECOSTA, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 3, adults 2,) 5. Communicants: added, 5; died or removed, 4; present number, 118. Marriages, 4. Burials, 10. Sunday School: Scholars, 110; Teachers, 16; Rector's Bible class, 25. Contributed to Missions: Foreign, \$16.61; Domestic, \$14.42; Diocesan, \$13.32; Eastern District Missionary Association, \$18. Other contributions: Bible Society, \$30; For the sufferers by the calamity at the Pemberton Mills, Lawrence, Mass., \$50; For poor and for Parish expenses, \$110.42; For painting and refurnishing the interior of the church, \$236.25; Sunday School offerings, \$34; Total, \$523.02.

During the past year the interior of the church has undergone a thorough renovation. The old pulpit which occupied a great portion of the chancel has been removed, and a new and more convenient one erected in another position. New carpets have

also been placed upon the floors. The Parish is indebted to Hon. A. H. Rice, of Boston, for the gift of a pair of elegant and appropriately designed chairs for the chancel. The healthy condition of the Parish is indicated by the foregoing statistics.

The undersigned tendered his resignation of the Rectorship of St. Mary's on Easter Monday.

Grace Church, Newton Corner.

THE REV. J. S. COPLEY GREENE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 19, adults 6,) 25. Communicants: added, 31; removed, 9; present number, 87. Confirmed, 21. Marriages, 3. Burials, 3. Sunday School: average attendance of scholars, about 60; Teachers, 12. Contributions: Sunday School, \$69.32; Missionary and other purposes, \$253.11; Offertory, \$253.04; Sewing Society; \$550.63; Other gifts to reduce debt, \$388.37; Total, \$1,514.47.

The debt on the land has been reduced to \$1,450. The debt on the chapel to \$748. The pews in our little chapel are all rented, and we very much need a larger building.

We owe a tribute of thanks for the blessing poured out upon us the past year. To Him be all the praise!

St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton.

THE REV. ALFRED L. BAURY, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants,) 4. Communicants: added, 2; present number, about 30. Deaths, 2. Missionary contributions, \$5 Alms for the poor, \$13.

The attendance of strangers upon our services in this Parish the past season has been very encouraging. Individuals have thereby become acquainted with the worship, doctrines, and discipline of the Church. Of these, several have evinced the desire to have Divine service sustained in this Parish through the year, rather than on every alternate Sunday, as now, from June to December. With the co-operation of the faithful adher-

ants to the Church in Hopkinton, it was ascertained that a moderate salary could be secured towards sustaining an Assistant to the Rector. Measures have accordingly been taken towards effecting so desirable an object. Success, however, has not yet been vouchsafed to this end, from the difficulty of obtaining the services of a clergyman adapted to the circumstances of the Parish. We trust, however, that the Macedonian cry of "Come over and help us," will not be much longer uttered in vain.

The annual election of Wardens and Vestrymen, delegates to the Diocesan Convention, etc., etc., with careful attention to the landed estate belonging to this ancient incorporated Parish, are faithfully observed.

St. John's Church, Charlestown.

THE REV. THOMAS R. LAMBERT, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 64, adults 15,) 79. Communicants, 255. Confirmed, 44. Marriages, 10. Burials, 23. Sunday School: Superintendent, 1; Librarian, 1; Teachers, 35; Scholars, 240. Contributions: For Sunday School library, \$35; American Bible Society, \$50; Massachusetts Missions, \$52; St. Mary's Church for Sailors, \$50; Protestant Episcopal S. S. Union, \$115; Breck Mission, offerings of Sunday School, \$50; Communion offerings, \$280.26; Total, \$632.26.

Grace Church, Medford.

[No Report.]

Christ Church, Waltham.

THE REV. THOMAS F. FALES, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 8, adults 2,) 10. Communicants: added, 15; died or removed, 9; present number, 89. Confirmed, 13. Marriages, 5. Burials, 8. Sunday School: Teachers, 6; Scholars, 44. Missionary contributions: Massachusetts Board, \$100; General Board, \$64; Sunday School collections \$30. Other contributions, \$171.97; Total, \$365.97.

Nothing has occurred in the history of this Parish calling for especial notice in our Annual Report.

Trinity Church, Melrose.

THE REV. WILLIAM H. MUNROE, Rector.

Baptisms, 5. Communicants: added, 10; died or removed, 7; present number, 54. Confirmed, 10. Marriages, 2. Burials, 5. Sunday School: Scholars, 75; Teachers, 12. Communion offerings, \$60. Money raised by the ladies of the Parish, \$180.

It affords me much pleasure to state that since the last Convention, this Parish has erected a neat and chaste church, seating about two hundred and fifty, at a cost of less than \$3,000, exclusive of the land. The church is beautifully located, and contains 54 pews, upwards of 40 of which are already rented. The present condition of this Parish is highly prosperous. God has blessed us abundantly. A good number of persons are now waiting to receive the rite of confirmation, which will be administered the 27th of this month, being the second confirmation within eleven months. That God will continue to bless this infant Parish, is our earnest prayer.

St. Paul's Church, Auburndale.

THE REV. N. G. ALLEN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants,) 7. Communicants, 7. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1. Sunday Scholars, 25; Teachers, 5. Collections: To free a slave, \$7.61; Diocesan Missions, \$3.50; Foreign Missions, \$3.50; Parochial objects, \$85.39; Total, \$100.

Norfolk County.*Christ Church, Quincy.*

[No Report.]

St. Paul's Church, Dedham.

THE REV. SAMUEL B. BABCOCK, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 9, adults 2,) 11. Communicants: added, 16; died or removed, 12; present number, 130. Confirmed, 14. Marriages, 5. Burials, 8. Sunday School scholars, 100. Missionary contributions: General Board, \$50; Massachusetts Board, \$121.36; Within Parish, —; Without Parish, \$122.

The item left blank in this return, "Within the Parish," cannot be intelligently filled by the writer. It might be answered in part by saying that his desk was generously supplied by his Parish for many months during his protracted illness, and that a large-handed liberality ministered to his personal wants and gratification, involving an expenditure of nearly a thousand dollars "within the Parish," besides the regular support of the ordinances. The Rector has been largely indebted to many of his clerical brethren for the kindnesses they have rendered.

Of the \$122 "Without the Parish," the ladies of St. Paul's contributed a generous amount.

St. James's Church, Roxbury.

THE REV. GEORGE S. CONVERSE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 30, adults 4,) 34. Communicants: added, 60; died or removed, 8; present number, 155. Confirmed, 33, one being from St. Mark's, Boston. Marriages, 3. Burials, 9. Sunday School, including Young Ladies' Bible Class: Superintendent, 1; Teachers, 22; Scholars, 182. Missionary contributions: General Domestic Missions, \$160; Diocesan Missions, (Massachusetts Board, \$100, Southern District Association, \$75,) \$175; For the Jews, \$15. Other contributions for religious purposes; Communion offertory, \$287.93; For the Sunday School Library and Christmas Festival, \$167.50; For gas, carpets, and other improvements in the Church, \$566.91; Total, (without the Parish, \$350; within the Parish, \$1,022.34,) \$1,372.34.

The present Rector took charge of the Parish on Whit-Sunday, June 12, 1859.

The church was open for evening prayer daily, during Lent, with a lecture on Wednesday evenings. During Passion Week the church was also open for morning prayers. These services were remarkably well attended, with apparent interest and profit. On every Sunday evening in Lent, with the exception of Palm Sunday, the church was open for a third service and sermon in the evening.

The Rector catechizes the children of the Parish "openly in the church," on the second Sunday afternoon in every month.

St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain.

THE REV. WILLIAM R. BABCOCK, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 3, infants 12,) 15. Communicants: added, 24; died or removed, 8: present number, 136. Confirmed, 9. Marriages, 3. Burials, 7. Sunday School: Teachers, 12; Scholars, 75. Missionary contributions: Foreign, \$75; Domestic, \$75; Diocesan, \$190; American Bible Society, \$50; To aid destitute parishes and clergymen, \$110; Parish Circle, \$275; Education Society, \$75; Sunday School, \$145; New Rectory, \$3,132. Within the Parish, \$3,634; Without the Parish, \$781; Total contributions, \$4,415.

In the number, strength, and efficiency of this Parish, the past year has witnessed a steady growth. In the characteristics of a spiritual and earnest piety, it is hoped, there has also been a sensible advancement. For the continuance of *the former*, the future presents ample ground of hope. For the increase of *the latter*, our trust is in the blessing of God.

The church is almost as full as it was before the recent enlargement. A new and commodious Rectory has been generously purchased, at a cost of \$8,000. The mutual harmony and good will which mark all the parochial relations, are equally gratifying, whether regarded as the harvest of the past, or as a seed for the future.

St. Mary's Church, Dorchester.

THE REV. EDWARD L. DROWN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 11, adults 3,) 14, Communicants: added, 88; Died or removed, 12; present number, 126. Confirmed, 21, one being from Grace Church, Boston. Marriages, 3. Burials, 10. Sunday School: Superintendent, 1; Teachers, 13; Scholars, 67; Total, 81. Contributions: Domestic Missions, (Sunday School, \$10,) \$170; Foreign Missions, (Sunday School, \$9,) \$153; Diocesan, Special, \$20; Southern District Association, \$75; General Board, \$60; Total Diocesan, \$155. American Bible Society, \$48; Other objects, \$103; Total without the Parish, \$629. Monthly collections for incidental expenses, \$143; Subscriptions for introducing gas into the church, removing the organ, and other improvements, \$1,000; Total, within the Parish, \$1,143; Whole amount of contributions, \$1,772.

During the past Conventional year, our congregation, the number of our communicants, and the amount of our charities, have largely increased.

St. Paul's Church, Brookline.

THE REV. JOHN S. STONE, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 14, adults 1,) 15. Confirmed, 10. Communicants, about 110. Marriages, 2. Burials, 7. Benevolent contributions: General Missions, (Foreign, \$722.21, Domestic, \$417.28;) Diocesan Missions, \$285; Theological education, \$510; American Bible Society, \$139; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$30; American S. S. Union, \$26.40; Miscellaneous, \$826.33; Total, \$2,956.22.

During the past year, removals, both from and into the Parish have been unusually numerous. On the whole, we have increased both in members and in means, and it is believed that the religious condition of the Parish was never more favorable.

Plymouth County.*St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.*

THE REV. SAMUEL CUTLER, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 4, adults 1,) 5. Communicants: died, 2; suspended, 1; removed, 1; present number, 98. Married, 3. Burials, 0. Sunday School scholars, 50. Missionary and other contributions: For the General Board, for Foreign Missions, \$63, (of which \$13 is from the Sunday School, for the African Mission;) For Domestic Missions at the West, through the Committee at Philadelphia, \$25; For Massachusetts Board, \$25; Southern District Association, \$25; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$50; American Bible Society, \$30; Dr. Wells, for St. Stephen's Mission, \$10; B. C. Clark, Esq., for Seamen's Mission, \$10; For church at Kewanee, Ill., \$10; For Griswold College, Iowa., \$100.25; For the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$20; For "Meade Hall" Theological Seminary, Virginia, \$50; For "Parish Visitor," and other religious papers and tracts, (of which amount \$11.15 was received through the Sunday School Association,) \$31.24; Total, within the Parish, about \$50; Total, without the Parish, \$418.25.

Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

[No Report.]

Christ Church, Plymouth.

[No Report.]

Bristol County.*St. Thomas's Church, Taunton.*

THE REV. THOMAS H. VAIL, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 33, adults 4,) 37. Communicants: added, 27; died, 7; removed, 6; present number, 245. Confirmed,

24. Marriages, 4. Burials, 17. Sunday Schools: Teachers, 43; Scholars, 302. Missionary and charitable contributions: Foreign Missions, general purposes, \$50; China, from Sunday School, \$25; Africa, from Sunday School, \$20; Total, \$95. Domestic Missions, general purposes, \$50; special, \$300: Indian Missions in Minnesota, from Branch S. S. at Oakland, \$20; Bishop Seabury School, Minn., from Sunday School, \$10; Nashotah Theological Seminary, Wisconsin, from Sunday School, \$10; For Sunday School at St. Paul, Minn., from Sabbath School, \$10; Griswold College, Iowa, from Sunday School, \$25; Total, \$425. Diocesan Missions, Massachusetts General Board, \$50; Southern District Association, \$75; Total, \$125. Sunday School purposes, \$67.55; Society for the Increase of the Ministry, \$33; To aid a candidate for Orders, \$10; Weak Parishes, \$13; Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$15; Aged and Indigent Clergymen, \$15; Episcopal Fund, \$20.52; Communion Alms, \$193.99; Total, \$1,018.06.

The above statistics show that we have cause for devout gratitude to God for His kindness towards us.

Our new church, consecrated but a short time before the last Convention, is proving itself, as we use it, more and more satisfactory, as adapted to the two great ends for which such a house is built, the worship of Almighty God, and the preaching of the blessed Gospel of Christ. We would here state, what was omitted by an oversight last year, that our Parish is indebted to our Bishop, as so many others of the Parishes of this Diocese are, for a very generous gift. We acknowledge from him the liberal donation of \$500, contributed towards the building of our new church, and it is but due to ourselves, as well as to him, that we should be permitted to make this grateful record of the fact.

Our Sunday Schools, which, when rightly directed, are the church's nurseries, are in their usual condition, under efficient and attentive Superintendents. The unostentatious but patient labors of the teachers of Sunday Schools, are too little appreciated. The Branch Sunday School in the village of Oakland,

about two and a half miles from the Parish Church, is conducted in the beautiful chapel erected some years ago by an earnest member of our church. It has been superintended for several years by Mr. William H. Bartlett, who resides near the Parish Church, and who has been at all seasons at his post, officiating as a lay reader, in the morning and at night, to the little congregation who stately worship at the chapel, and in the afternoon having charge of the Sunday School. The teachers are mostly from the neighborhood of the chapel. Friends from the Parish Sunday School occasionally assist or relieve Mr. Bartlett when he desires them; and the Rector officiates at the chapel regularly on the second Sunday evening of each month. Are there not many opportunities of usefulness within the limits of all our Parishes in which the laity might accomplish great good for souls, and great honor for the Master, if they would but cultivate the spirit of Christian self-denial and Christian zeal?

Grace Church, New Bedford.

[No Report.]

Church of the Ascension, Fall River.

THE REV. E. M. PORTER, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants,) 45. Communicants: added, 17; died or removed, 15; present number, 110. Confirmed, 14. Marriages, 18. Burials, 32. Sunday School scholars, about 200. Missionary and other contributions for religious purposes: Diocesan Missions, (S. D. Association,) \$10; American Bible Society, \$8.74; Sunday School library, \$27.64; The "Child at Home," \$6.75; Communion alms, \$20.29; Towards enlarging Sunday School room, \$11.69; Total, \$93.11; Within the Parish, \$74.87; Without the Parish, \$18.74.

It will be seen by this and past Reports, that the progress of this Parish, though steady, is slow; to be attributed in a measure to the fluctuation incident to a manufacturing population, and the great spiritual ignorance thus constantly perpetuated of

a considerable portion of the congregation. In eleven years, the increase in the number of communicants is from about thirty to a little over one hundred, — there remaining only *seventeen* of those found here by the present Rector in 1849. The Sunday School, it is gratifying to say, has meanwhile increased more than fourfold. May the showers of Divine grace be shed more abundantly upon this interesting and needy portion of the Lord's vineyard.

Christ Church, Swansea.

THE REV. N. W. MUNROE, Officiating Minister.

Baptisms, 5. Marriages, 1, Communicants: removed, 5; died, 1; present number, 6. Sunday School: Teachers, 5; Scholars, average attendance, 20.

This is a feeble Parish in a small community. It is said to have exhibited more vitality the year past than for a long time, and when the Bishop visits us shortly, it is hoped some may be persuaded to come forward for confirmation.

Trinity Church, Pawtucket.

THE REV. JOHN MILTON PECK, Rector.

By the resignation of the Rev. J. S. Townsend, the Rectorship became vacant on the first of May, 1859, and the duties of the same were assumed by the present incumbent, first of September following. The statistics of the Parish from the latter date are as follows: —

Baptisms, (adults 6, infants 3,) 9. Communicants: added, 6; died, 1; removed, 2; present number, after a careful revision of the entire record, 80. Marriages, 3. Burials, 5. Sunday School: Scholars, 88; Teachers, 10. Contributions: Domestic Missions, \$6.38; Foreign Missions, \$8.37; Diocesan Missions, \$10; Communion alms, \$33.01; Offerings at Evening Prayer on Sundays, \$48.93; Increase of Sunday School library, \$50; Sundry church purposes, \$18.75; Society for the Relief

of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$6; Society for the Increase of the Ministry, \$21.79; Griswold College, \$1; N. Y. Bible and Prayer Book Society, \$5; Total, \$209.28.

The Parish Record shows that four persons were confirmed during the vacancy in the Rectorship, in June last. A class for confirmation now awaits the Bishop's visitation in May.

To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts:

The Rev. J. S. Townsend reports that during the last Conventional year, he has been in the employ of the Southern District Church Missionary Association, in the town of Attleboro', devoted exclusively to the work initiated there the previous year, in connection with his labors as Rector of Trinity Church, Pawtucket. The newly-organized Parish of Grace Church, North Attleboro', having been in existence a little more than one year, applies for admission to this Convention.

Baptisms, (infants 10, adults 7,) 17. Confirmed, 4. Communicants, 12. Marriages, 1. Burials, 2. Sunday School: Scholars, about 50; Teachers, 7. The people pay about \$125 a year for rent of hall, and about \$60 for livery, as I reside four miles distant, at the railroad station, my other field of labor, East Attleboro'. The Sunday School collections, about \$6.50.

EAST ATTLEBORO'. Baptisms, (adults 1, infants 7,) 8. Confirmed, 7. Communicants, 12. Burials, 2. Sunday School: Scholars, about 50; Teachers, 7. Sunday School collections, about \$6. The Sunday School libraries at both North and East Attleboro', number over 500 volumes, embracing nearly the whole larger library of the Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union, (half of which was a donation,) and a donation of books from the Sunday School of Trinity Church, Pawtucket. We likewise received a present of \$20 from the Sunday School of St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain, through their excellent Pastor, Rev. William R. Babcock. The people of East Attleboro' have paid about \$215 rent for a hall during the past year, with some other little incidental expenses. They have purchased and paid for an organ harmonium, \$165, and the people of North

Attleboro' a melodeon, \$70. The singing is well sustained by an excellent choir at each place, and much interest in our church is manifest among the people. A church in each place would be erected this summer, were not the business here so depressed just at this time, and East Attleboro' will probably make the effort at any rate. My prostrated health has made it necessary for me to resign, but I trust that a more efficient successor will at once be secured. May God cause the precious seed sown in anxious care and toil, and watered thus far with prayerful solicitude, to "spring up and bear abundant fruit."

The Bishop has kindly promised a second visitation, June 13th, and some ten or a dozen persons are now ready and desirous to be confirmed at that time.

J. S. TOWNSEND.

Nantucket County.

St. Paul's Church, Nantucket.

[No Report.]

Worcester County.

St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville.

Baptisms, (infants,) 1. Communicants: present number, about 60. Marriages, 1. Sunday School: Scholars, 50; Teachers and Bible Class, 20.

Having been without a Rector for a long time, we have no good report to make, or at least, an imperfect one. But, by the blessing of God, we have a better prospect before us for the future; the Wardens and Vestry having united in giving the Rev. William G. Hawkins a call to be our Rector, and he having accepted the same, his services to begin the first Sunday in May, (fourth Sunday after Easter).

Our Sunday School, although not large, is in a very encouraging condition.

SETH HARTWELL, }
J. P. NEWTON, } *Wardens.*

All Saints' Church, Worcester.

THE REV. E. W. HAGER, Rector.

Communicants: added, 25; removed, 4; present number, 102. Baptisms, (infants 18, adults 6,) 24. Confirmed, 20. Marriages, 2. Burials, 2. Families added, 12. Sunday School: Teachers, 10; Scholars, 55. Contributions; Communion alms, \$46.66; For Sunday School purposes, \$49.90.

The church is now undergoing thorough repairs, both externally and internally; the congregation has nearly doubled within the past four months; and, with God's blessing, we look with confidence and hope to the future.

The above Report includes only about four months, — the time I have been Rector of the Parish.

Christ Church, Clappville.

THE REV. J. HILL ROUSE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 10, adults 1,) 11. Confirmed, 7. Admitted to Communion, 9; died or removed, 5; present number, 44. Marriages, 8. Burials, 8. Sunday School: Scholars, 62; Teachers, 7. Missionary and charitable contributions, within and without the Parish, \$198.

St. John's Church, Millville.

THE REV. JOHN V. LEWIS, Deacon, Rector.

Baptisms, 10. Communicants: present number, about 60. Funerals, 2.

The above unsatisfactory Report is all that can be gathered from the Parish Register, and the undersigned has so recently commenced the discharge of his duties, as to have been unable to inform himself of the actual state of the Parish.

The former Rector, the Rev. Alfred B. Goodrich, resigned his

charge, and removed to Calvary Church, Utica, N. Y., August 16th, 1859, after which the Parish was supplied for a few weeks by the Rev. Mr. Herman, and then by Messrs. Colburn, Randolph, Palmer, and Bartlet. The undersigned having received a call to the Parish in the month of January, accepted the same on Ash Wednesday, but did not commence the active charge of the Parish until the Sunday after Easter, April 15th.

The Parish, so far as can be learned during so short a time, is united and growing, and presents every encouraging feature, with but few drawbacks.

Grace Church, West Brookfield.

[No Report.]

Hampton County.

Christ Church, Springfield.

THE REV. GEORGE H. MCKNIGHT, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants,) 7. Communicants: died or removed, 76; present number, 165. Burials, 4. Marriages, 4. Sunday School: Teachers, 12; Scholars, about 80. Contributions: To Bishop Lee, of Iowa, for Griswold College, \$36; Domestic Missions, \$73; For the Jews, \$9; Communion alms, \$81; Whole amount, \$196.

I entered upon the duties of this Parish, the first Sunday in November, after an interregnum had occurred of seven months. The record of losses by deaths and removals has been furnished to me by the former Rector, the Rev. W. S. Child; aside from this, the present Report embraces the time only of my own administration of the Parish.

Grace Church, Chicopee.

THE REV. A. CROSWELL, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants,) 3. Communicants: added, 4; removed, 4; present number, 28. Confirmed, 3. Burials, 4. Sunday

School scholars, 30. **Missionary contributions:** General Board, \$11; Massachusetts Board, \$16. Other contributions for religious purposes: Within the Parish, \$159; Without the Parish, \$17; Total, \$203.

The above statistics extend to Easter, at which time I resigned the care of the Parish on account of ill health. During the year the church has undergone some repairs, and been considerably improved. The expense was chiefly met by contributions within the Parish, and everything, it is believed, is in a good condition for the continuance of the church services.

The Rector leaves with much regret, and hopes that his place will soon be filled.

Hampshire County.

St. John's Church, Northampton.

THE REV. HENRY H. BEAN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants,) 4. Communicants: added, 4; died, 1; present number, 60. Funerals, 3. Marriages, 3. Missionary and Sunday School collections, \$104.52. Alms, \$68.81. The ladies by their praiseworthy efforts have raised for objects connected with the Church, \$286.22. A small debt upon the church when the present Rector took charge, is now liquidated.

Having accepted the call of the Vestry to this Parish, the Rector entered upon his duties on Trinity Sunday, June 18th, 1859. Services have been regularly performed every Sunday without interruption, up to the present time. Also, during the summer and autumn, and throughout the season of Lent, weekly services were kept up. But these services were not as well and generally attended as could have been desired. The sad indifference manifested by many is discouraging and deadening in its influence, and alarming in its prospective results and consequences. To this, however, there were many gratifying exceptions.

Franklin County.*St. James's Church, Greenfield.*

THE REV. S. RUSSELL JONES, Rector.

The present Rector entered on his duties on the first of January. For several months previous, the Parish had been enjoying the temporary ministry of the Rev. Wm. S. Child, late of Christ Church, Springfield. This Parish is in a very flourishing condition; its prospects are represented as brighter than at any previous period.

The Report is from the first of January:—

Number of families, 90. Baptisms, (adults 10, infants 12,) 22. No confirmation has taken place. A large class is in preparation for the visitation of the Bishop. Marriages, 3. Burials, (adults 4, infants 2,) 6. Communicants, present number, 90. The Holy Communion celebrated monthly, and on the greater festivals. Sunday School: number of Scholars, 65; Teachers, 7. The Rector is always present in the Sunday School, and has a Bible class. The children are catechized regularly on the evening of the first Sunday in the month. Celebration of Divine Service: Sundays, twice; Holy Days, once; during Lent, regular services on Wednesdays and Fridays until Passion Week; during the Holy Week, daily service. These services were largely attended, and much interest manifested. Contributions: Domestic Missions, \$75; Nashotah, \$5; Diocesan Fund, \$10; China and Japan, \$11.34; Widows and Orphans of Clergyman, \$20; For the poor, \$25: Special collection for the use of choir, \$21.59.

The Parish is wonderfully free from disturbances of all sorts, and is, I trust, as much as any, an example of "all Godly quietness."

Berkshire County.*St. Luke's Church, Lanesboro'.*

THE REV. S. BRENTON SHAW, Rector.

Baptisms, (children,) 3. Communicants: added, 3; died or removed, 3; present number, about 70. Confirmed, 1. Mar-

riages, 8. Burials, (two in Pittsfield,) 7. Sunday School, about 60. Missionary contributions: Foreign Board, \$10; General Board, \$5; Diocesan Board, \$24.83; Sunday School, \$19.15; Communion alms, \$20; Other contributions, \$76.64; Total, \$155.12.

The condition of this Parish is as prosperous and encouraging as at any former period. The attendance on the usual services of the church is very good, except in stormy weather; and during the past year the exterior of the church, including a new covering to the roof, has been thoroughly repaired. There is a backwardness on the part of many who are supposed to be proper subjects, in confessing Christ before men, truly lamentable; nevertheless, it is hoped that the labors of a ministry, somewhat protracted, have not been in vain, and that the seed sown may eventually spring forth and bear fruits to the glory of our Divine Head.

Large sums have been given for religious purposes by members of this Parish, not included in this Report.

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.

THE REV. EDWARD M. PECKE, Rector.

Families, and parts of families, 70; Individuals, 225. Baptisms, (infants 10, adults 6,) 16. Communicants: added, 13; died, 1; removed, 19; present number, 87. Confirmed, 13. Marriage, 1. Burials, 2. Sunday School: Scholars, 41; Teachers, 6. Offerings for Church purposes, so far as known, \$432.

The present Rector having entered upon the duties of his office only so recently as February 11, cannot speak with very full knowledge concerning the condition of the Parish. The statistics given above are mainly from the record of his predecessor.

Public services were held, during Lent, on Wednesdays and Fridays, both morning and evening, with a lecture at the second service; and daily during Holy Week, with a lecture at the morning service. Public worship, with a lecture, is observed on

all days for which a special collect, Epistle, and Gospel are appointed, and the Holy Communion is administered upon the first Sunday in each month, and upon all days for which a Proper Preface in the Communion office is provided.

During the present incumbency 67 public services have been held; the Holy Communion has been administered 3 times; the children of the Parish have been catechized openly in the church 3 times; 1 person has been buried; 24 sermons and 24 lectures have been delivered; and 207 Pastoral visits have been made.

Christ Church, Pittsfield.

[No Report.]

St. James's Church, Great Barrington.

THE REV. C. A. L. RICHARDS, Rector.

During the past year I have baptised 10 persons; presented 9 to the Bishop for confirmation, and officiated at 4 marriages and 10 burials. The sum of \$339.86 has been collected for various objects. This is exclusive of subscriptions to the amount of some sixteen hundred dollars towards the reduction of the church debt.

Since the present Rector took charge of this Parish in September, 1858, he has baptised 17 persons, presented 22 to the Bishop for confirmation, and has officiated at 5 marriages and 14 burials. The Parish has contributed \$535.60 to various objects, exclusive of the subscriptions for the reduction of the church debt, which have amounted to some \$1600 more.

Trinity Church, Van Deusenville.

THE REV. LEWIS GREEN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 3, adults 4,) 7. Confirmed, 4. Communicants: added, 6; died or removed, 2; present number, 37. Marriages, 5. Deaths, 5. Sunday School scholars, 30. Contributions: Communion alms, \$15.11; Diocesan Missions, \$13.69; Foreign Missions, \$4.49; Sunday School library, \$6; Total, \$39.29.

St. Andrew's Church, New Boston.

Present number of communicants, 9.

This Parish has been without regular services in their church for a long time past; but the Rev. Elisha F. Watson has recently visited us, and held services, and preached three evenings, and once on Sunday, to a very good number of attentive hearers, and also administered the Holy Communion.

This Parish has, in connection with St. Paul's at Otis, engaged the services of the Rev. E. F. Watson for six months, and we hope to be able to induce him to remain here a much longer time. The prospect is much better than it has been for a number of years for having a good attendance at church, and for the growth and improvement both of our Church and Parish.

SAMUEL C. PARSONS, *Senior Warden.*

St. Paul's Church, Otis.

This Parish has been destitute of any regular services for about four years. Last year our church was opened, and we had lay reading a part of the year. Communicants, 12. The others have died or removed since we had any clergyman. Sunday scholars, 18. We have had as good attendance as could be expected.

We have had a visit from the Rev. E. F. Watson, from Rhode Island. He held service in our church the evening before Easter; Easter Sunday, three services; and Monday evening, one; and Sunday after Easter, two services in the evening. We expect Mr. Watson in Otis the first Sunday after Convention, to take charge of this Parish, together with St. Andrew's, New Boston.

THOMAS D. DIMOCK, *Senior Warden.*

St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.

THE REV. S. P. PARKER, *Rector.*

Baptisms, (adult,) 1. Communicants: added, 6. Died or removed, 3. Present number, 75. Burials, 5. Marriages, 7.

Sunday School: Scholars, 50; Teachers, 7. Offertory, \$108, (including Diocesan Missions, \$13.93;) New York Bible and Prayer Book Society, \$30; General Board of Missions, (one half Domestic, one half Foreign,) \$20. Fund for clothing the poor children, \$115; Sewing Society, for same object, \$25; Donation for clothing poor parents, \$25; Books for Sunday School, \$40; Other Parish purposes, not included in current expenses of the church, \$60; Total, \$378.48.

The growth of the Parish this present year has been greater than during any former year. The very small size of the church continues to occasion great loss. The attempt to bring in the poor and neglected children and parents to the church has been attended with encouraging success, and has made the Church felt throughout the village. A third service has been held by the Rev. J. A. Penniman, while he was my co-adjutor, and by myself alternately in the two neighboring manufacturing villages, on Sunday evenings, with results auspicious for the Church. The village of South Lee, within a mile and a half of St. Paul's, reports itself ready and eager, *en masse*, to sustain the worship of our Church.

Trinity Church, Lenox.

THE REV. SAMUEL P. PARKER, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants,) 4. Communicants, 47. Burials, 2. Sunday scholars, 20.

Offertory, (including Massachusetts Board Missions; \$36.07 Foreign and Domestic Board, each \$15; New York Bible and Prayer Book Society, \$41.94;) \$132.77. Other religious purposes, \$7.33. Total, \$140.10.

Lenox, April 25, 1860.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts:

During the past year I have served the Church as Assistant Minister, but by consent of the parties interested in Trinity Church, Lenox, the Rectorship has been entrusted to me to commence at Easter of the present year. We are happy to report

this Church as having been made self-supporting, and we pray God will enable her to do unto others, as, in former times, she would that others had done unto her. Moreover, she must cherish with gratitude the constant benefits that the stronger brethren have conferred upon her.

Six months ago I officiated in three full services of our Church at West Brookfield, and administered the Holy Communion. It is with deep sadness of heart that I think of that uncultivated ground. Nothing but the laborer's hire was needed to gain the mature fruit of a good harvest.

J. A. PENNIMAN.

St. George's Church, Lee.

THE REV. JOHN F. SPAULDING, Rector.

Families, 45. Baptisms, (infants 17, adults 8,) 25. Communicants: added, 20; died, 1; Removed, 9; present number, 51. Confirmed, 15. Marriages, 5. Burials, 2. Sunday School: Teachers, 8. Scholars, 76. Missionary contributions: General Board, (Foreign, \$3; Domestic, \$6;) Massachusetts Board, \$20. Other contributions for religious purposes, within the Parish: Subscription towards the reduction of the debt on the church, \$800; Sunday School collection for Sunday School library, \$17.62; other collections for the same purpose, \$27.38; other purposes, \$38.50. Total, \$883.50.

The above are the statistics of the Parish since the first of August last, when the present Rector entered upon his duties. In spite of many removals, and of embarrassment occasioned by the debt on the church, which still prevents its consecration, the Parish is stronger and more prosperous than at any former period. This is apparent, not only from the facts above reported, but also from the greater interest felt in the Sunday School on the part of scholars, teachers, and parents, and the increased attendance at church, and the general willingness to labor for its prosperity. Two Bible classes, conducted by the Rector, meet, the one on Wednesday evening, the other on Sundays. A weekly service with lecture is also sustained.

Two beautiful chandeliers were presented to the church through the Hon. Lester Filley but a short time before his death, from his nephews, Messrs. E. A., and S. R. Filley, of St. Louis. Mr. Filley has been the efficient Senior Warden and Treasurer of the Parish from its first organization. To his wise counsels, his labors, watchfulness, and liberal contributions in its behalf, his elevated Christian character so widely honored, and so influential for the Church, it is largely indebted for its past success and present position. His death was a loss for which we were ill-prepared, — to which it would have been difficult to be reconciled, did we not know that He who is wiser than man had called him from his earthly stewardship, as a good and faithful servant, to enter into the joy of his Lord.

Barnstable County.

The Church of the Messiah, Wood's Hole.

THE REV. T. B. FLOWER, Rector.

Communicants, 16. Burials, 2. Marriage, 1. Foreign Missions, \$20; Domestic Missions, \$13.48; Diocesan Missions, \$26.92; Young Ladies' Sewing Circle, \$75, (appropriated for Parish library and Church purposes;) Bible Society, \$3. Sunday Scholars, 25; Teachers, 4. Offerings of the juveniles for Missions, \$1.96.

St. John's Church, Sandwich.

[No Report.]

[The following was received too late for insertion in the proper place:]

St. Peter's Church, Salem.

Baptisms, (infants 25, adults 8,) 33. Communicants, 213; added, 15; Total, 258; died and removed, 37. Marriages, 6. Burials, 19. Collections: Diocesan Missions, including

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Eastern District, \$237.50 ; General Missions, \$256.37 ; Holy Communion alms, \$281.82 ; Aid to Feeble Churches, \$80 ; Seamen's Missions, \$44 ; Society for Increase of Ministry, \$75 ; Widows and Orphans of Clergy, \$30 ; Other collections in gross amount, \$542 ; Total, \$1,546.69.

In absence of a Rector,

FRANCIS W. PICKMAN, }
W. R. GAVETT, } *Wardens.*

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the }
Diocese of Massachusetts :*

I regret to be obliged to report that the state of my health still prevents my being actively engaged in the work of the sacred ministry. When able, I have performed such services in the church as duty seemed to demand ; but they have been few the past year.

GEORGE C. SHEPARD

Philadelphia, May 1, 1860.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :

I respectfully report that, since the last Convention, I have continued to be attached to the Naval Station at Boston. Till the month of January last, I officiated regularly on board the Receiving Ship Ohio. Since that time I have officiated in the Chapel in the Navy Yard, where I perform divine service and preach twice every Sunday. Arrangements have recently been made for the monthly administration of the Holy Communion — to commence on Sunday next.

In addition to these regular services, I have preached six times in different churches in this Diocese, and New Hampshire, and have administered the Holy Communion, and assisted at its administration, three times.

Funerals, 4.

M. B. CHASE, *Chaplain U. S. Navy.*

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., }
Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :*

As I am still a member of the Diocese of Massachusetts, I am required, by one of its Canons, to report to you my employments during the past year.

Having been elected Professor of the Interpretation of Scripture in the Berkley Divinity School in this city, I began my duties in the School at the commencement of its year, the beginning of October last. Since that time I have been giving instruction in the studies of my department to twenty-five young men, who are preparing themselves for the sacred ministry.

In addition to these labors, I have, during the seven months, delivered fifty-five sermons in sixteen different churches and chapels in this vicinity, and on three occasions administered the Lord's Supper. I should have been occupied on the average every Sunday, had it not been for an injury occasioned by a fall, from which I am, however, by the goodness of the Lord, now entirely recovered.

SAMUEL FULLER.

Middletown, Conn., April 30, 1860.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :

I have preached, in behalf of the American Bible Society, during the past conventional year, in the following churches, viz :

Massachusetts.—Church of the Messiah, Boston; Grace Church, New Bedford; Calvary Church, Danvers; St. Michael's Church, Marblehead; St. Paul's Church, Newburyport; St. James's Church, Amesbury; St. Mary's Church, Dorchester; Trinity Church, Haverhill; Grace Church, Lawrence; St. Andrew's Church, Chelsea; St. John's Church, Charlestown; St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain; St. Paul's Church, Boston; Christ Church, Waltham; St. Paul's Church, Auburndale; St. Paul's Church, Brookline; Grace Church, Boston; St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport; St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls; Grace Church, Salem; St. Matthew's Church, South Boston; Christ Church, Andover; Church of the Ascension,

Fall River; Trinity Church, Boston; St. John's Church, East Boston.

Maine. — St. John's Church, Bangor; St. Luke's Church, Portland; St. Stephen's Church, Portland; Christ Church, Gardiner.

Rhode Island. — St. Paul's Church, Providence; St. Mark's Church, Warren; St. John's Church, Providence; Grace Church, Providence; Christ Church, Lonsdale.

Connecticut. — Christ Church, Stratford, and Christ Church, Bridgeport.

Pennsylvania. — The Church of the Holy Trinity, Philadelphia; St. Andrew's Church, Church of the Nativity, Church of the Advent, St. Luke's Church, Church of the Epiphany, Church of the Atonement, Gloria Dei Church, St. John's Church, Morristown; St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia.

Virginia. — Chapel of the Theological Seminary, Alexandria; Christ Church, Alexandria; Grace Church, Alexandria; and Grace Church, Washington, D. C.

Besides visiting and preaching in the churches above named, I have spent much time in private interviews and in correspondence with those interested in the circulation of God's Word, and have received collections from some parishes which I have not been able to visit. The contributions have, for the most part, been paid through the auxiliary societies, and those of this Diocese, with two or three exceptions, will be found in the Report of the Massachusetts Bible Society.

While the work of giving God's Word to the destitute was never so great and pressing as at the present moment, it is peculiarly encouraging that the zeal of the Church does not flag, but gains strength with the growing necessities of the work. We take this as a fresh testimony of the Divine approbation, and that the Holy Spirit moves the hearts of men in this noble charity. The sums consecrated in this Diocese to the spread of God's Word, during the past year, have been greater than ever before. For this God be praised! But the work is not completed. It cannot be in this generation. The wants of the world are greater than the Church's means to supply. But nevertheless abundant

harvests are gathered in. Rich rewards wait on our fidelity. Thousands in this country, among the Romish population of Europe, on the borders of Africa, in the heart of Asia, and in the remote corners of the earth, are rejoicing in the light and truth that we have sent to them on the pages of the New Testament. Can we then withhold this Divine gift? Is it not plainly our "parts and duties to see" that this work go forward, until the "earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea?"

EDMUND F. SLATTERY.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts:

The undersigned respectfully reports, that he has been engaged in the performance of clerical duty on Sundays, and has united one couple in holy matrimony.

F. A. FOXCROFT.

Boston, May 1, 1860.

To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D.,
Bishop of the Diocese:

The undersigned respectfully reports that he has been engaged as usual during the past year in teaching.

Throughout most of the winter and spring he has officiated on Sundays for the new parish at Hyde Park, Dorchester. In addition to these services, he has assisted in the administration of the Lord's Supper on six occasions, has preached ten sermons, performed the burial service four times, and assisted in the laying of the corner stone of Christ Church, Quincy.

D. G. HASKINS.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts:

Since my resignation of St. Luke's Church, Chelsea, July 1st, 1859, I have officiated all day on thirty-seven of the forty-four Sundays which have passed, in the following places: Christ Church, Boston, once; St. Stephen's, Boston, once; St. Matthew's, South Boston, three times; Grace Church, Lawrence, once; St. John's, Jamaica Plain, twice; Town Hall, Southboro',

and Unitarian Meeting House, South Framingham, once; St. Michael's, Marblehead, twice; Grace Church, Medford, five times; St. John's, Millville, thirteen times, all in this State; and in St. Peter's, Morristown, N. J., once; Grace Church, Bath, once; St. Philip's, Wiscasset, once; St. Luke's, Portland, twice, all in the State of Maine; and in St. John's, Portsmouth, N. H., twice.

With but two or three exceptions, I have performed the whole service all day, and also preached in each of the above instances, and I have also administered the Holy Communion six times, and assisted in its administration once. During the same time, I have baptized seven infants, and officiated at three funerals.

WM. S. BARTLET.

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., }
Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts: }*

By the blessing of Almighty God, I have been able to perform clerical duty, without any interruption from sickness, during the whole of the past year. I have officiated in Trinity Church, Boston, on eleven Sundays, and nine Holy Days; in the Church of the Messiah, Boston, on ten Sundays; in St. Peter's, Salem, on seven Sundays; in the Chapel of the U. S. Military Academy, at West Point, on seven Sundays; in Grace Church, Medford, on five Sundays; in Grace Church, Boston, on two Sundays, and at two evening services; on two Sundays in Christ Church, Andover; and at St. James's, Roxbury, St. Andrew's, Chelsea, Trinity Church, Haverhill, St. Paul's, Boston, Christ Church, Quincy, and Christ Church, Rye, in the State of New York, on one Sunday each.

I have administered the Holy Communion six times, and assisted in its administration five times. I have also married one couple, baptized three children, and officiated at three funerals.

HENRY BURROUGHS, JR.

Boston, May 2, 1860.

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., }
Bishop of the Diocese :*

The undersigned respectfully reports that during the greater part of last summer and autumn, he officiated in various parishes in this Diocese. Since then, he has performed divine service in the Dioceses of Vermont, Rhode Island, Maryland, and Western New York.

WM. H. TRAPNELL.

Boston, May 2, 1860.

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., }
Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :*

The undersigned respectfully reports, that he has labored for more than three years, since his last report to you, in the Diocese of Kentucky as the General Agent of the Central Convocation of that Diocese.

He begs leave to refer to the last Journal of that Diocese, pp. 26, 27, for the Resolutions adopted in regard to his labors, and his resignation of that office.

"The report of the Executive Committee was read, and, on motion, the following resolutions, recommended by the Committee, were passed :

"*Resolved*, That, amidst the various difficulties unavoidably encountered in the prosecution of the arduous work of Missions in this Diocese, the labors of the General Agent have commanded the approbation and confidence of the Convocation.

"*Resolved*, That the successful efforts of the General Agent have imparted a fresh and heartfelt impulse to the growth of the Church in this Diocese, and laid a foundation for its continued progress and prosperity.

"On motion, it was also resolved,

"That, in receiving the resignation of the General Agent of the Convocation, the Rev. J. West, we desire to express our thankfulness toward him for his arduous, untiring, and disinterested labors in the cause of Christ and his Church in this Diocese, and our gratitude to Almighty God for putting it in his

heart to come here to originate and carry into successful operation the Central Convocation of Kentucky."

Since his return from Kentucky, last summer, the undersigned has resided in Bristol, R. I., and performed such occasional services as have been requested of him, in various parishes in that Diocese.

Very respectfully,

JOHN WEST.

Bristol, R. I., May 1, 1860.

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the }
Diocese of Massachusetts :*

During the past year I have officiated a portion of my time in a Mission Room at East Cambridge, and in Parishes of the Diocese, as my assistance has been desired and needed. The first half of the ecclesiastical year these services occupied about three-fourths of my time; the last half, every Sabbath.

In the course of these services I have baptized 10 infants. These baptisms are embodied in other Parochial Reports.

D. POTTER.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :

The undersigned, in accordance with the canonical requisition, would respectfully report, that since the resignation of his late Parochial charge, he has frequently officiated in the pulpits of various vacant Parishes. These services have been mostly performed in this Diocese, with the exception of a period of two months, during which he officiated in Trinity Church, Rutland, Vermont, in the absence of the Rector, Rev. Dr. Hicks.

He has attended 5 funerals, baptized 5 children, and solemnized one marriage.

W. B. COLBURN.

Boston, May 4, 1860.

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., }
Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :*

My resignation of the Rectorship of Christ Church in this City, took effect May 15th, 1859. Since then for the most part

of the time, until January 1st of the present year, I served the Parish of St. James's, Greenfield, and with the exception, I believe, of but two Sundays, have officiated regularly throughout the year.

WILLIAM S. CHILD.

Springfield, May 5, 1860.

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., }
Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts : }*

According to usage and canonical requisition, I respectfully submit the following Report of official duty performed in the service of Christ's Church during the past Conventional year. During this period I have been an actual resident of the City of Boston, and since September 20th, a canonical resident of this Diocese.

During this period of actual, including my canonical, residence, I have, in the public services of the Sanctuary, officiated on 223 several occasions; read prayers on 187; preached 90 sermons; celebrated the Holy Eucharist 9, and assisted 3, times; married 9 couple; baptized 13 infants; buried 4 adults and 2 infants.

The several churches in which I have officiated, are Christ Church, Church of the Advent, Church of the Messiah, St. Mark's Church, St. Mary's, and St. Stephens, in the City of Boston; Christ Church, Springfield; All-Saints', Worcester; St. John's, East Boston; St. Peter's, Cambridgeport; Grace Church, Medford; Christ Church, Quincy; St. John's, Millville; St. John's, Charlestown; St. Michael's, Marblehead; St. Luke's and St. Andrew's, Chelsea; St. James's, Amesbury. In the City of New York I have preached once in Zion Church, and twice in Madison Street Mission. In the City of Philadelphia on last Good Friday, and on Easter and through Passion Week, I preached in St. Stephen's Church three times, offered the sacrifice of prayer on eight, and administered the Holy Eucharist. In addition to this, I officiated in Trinity; the Church of the Covenant, the late D. S. Tyng's Parish; the Church of the Redemption; and officiated and administered the Lord's Supper in the Church of the Incarnation, Philadelphia.

On Christmas, at St. James's, Amesbury, I preached and read prayers twice; celebrated the Holy Eucharist; baptized an infant, and buried an adult. In Christ Church, Springfield, I administered, and in St. Michael's, Marblehead, and St. Peter's, Cambridgeport, the Holy Eucharist, twice in each.

The records of baptisms, burials, and marriages, are entered upon the books of the several Parishes where they were performed.

In addition to the above, I have officiated three times in the Missionary station at Hyde Park, and one Sunday in the morning at Southboro, and in the evening in the Unitarian meeting-house in Framingham.

EDMUND BARNABAS PALMER.

Boston, May, 1860.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :

The undersigned, so far as he has been able to officiate during the past Conventional year, has assisted the Rev. Dr. Stone at St. Paul's, Brookline.

THEODORE W. SNOW.

Abstract of Parochial Reports.

MAY, 1860.

Towns.	Churches.	Rectors.	Baptisms.			Communi- cants.			Contrad.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sunday Schools.	Contr religi
			Infants.	Adults.	Total.	Added.	Died, or removed.	Present Number.					
Amesbury	St. James's	D. G. Bates	8	...	8	2	...	52	2	2	3	40	218
Andover	Christ	B. B. Babbitt	4	1	5	7	19	100	2	1	1	100	82
Ashfield	St. John's*	O. H. Gardiner	...	...	...	...	...	23	...	...	...	20	...
Attleboro'	Grace	J. S. Townsend	11	14	25	...	...	24	11	1	4	100	...
Auburndale	St. Paul's	N. G. Allen	7	...	7	...	...	7	...	1	1	25	14
	Trinity	M. Eastburn, D. D. Vacant	17	4	21	...	...	400	23	4	13	100	11522
	Christ	J. T. Burrill [D. D.]	35	...	35	5	40	56	...	10	13	52	37
	St. Paul's	W. R. Nicholson	12	2	14	17	4	403	17	1	3	140	3255
	Grace	C. Mason, D. D.	17	...	17	34	21	308	14	9	8	128	1047
	Messiah	G. M. Randall, D. D.	23	4	27	41	30	356	11	12	30	210	421
		J. A. Bolles, D. D.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Boston	Advent	M. F. Stuckney.	26	13	39	45	19	402	25	9	24	132	...
	St. Mark's	C. F. Knight	13	4	17	61	20	221	10	2	11	...	220
	St. Stephen's	E. M. F. Wells, D. D.	84	...	84	...	...	200	13	44	37	135	909
	St. Matthew's	Vacant	52	...	52	24	14	103	7	17	36	100	100
	St. John's	S. J. Evans	17	1	18	...	...	3	62	10	2	11	167
	Seaman's Chapl	J. T. Burrill	...	...	...	...	...	16	...	...	...	...	...
	St. Mary's	J. F. Robinson	15	3	21	15	...	95	13	24	23	60	...
Bridgewater	Trinity*	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	20	...	...	...	...	...
Brookfield	Grace*	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	13	...	...	...	17	...
Brookline	St. Paul's	J. S. Stone, D. D.	14	1	15	...	...	110	13	2	7	...	2256
Cambridge	Christ	N. Hoppin, D. D.	23	5	28	37	15	209	31	5	12	80	375
	St. Peter's	W. P. Page	11	...	11	...	...	65	11	7	12	70	31
Charlestown	St. John's	T. R. Lambert	64	15	79	...	...	256	44	10	28	240	317
	St. Luke's	J. H. Tyng	17	...	17	...	...	50	6	...	...	50	...
Chelsea	St. Andrew's	A. Mason	7	...	7	...	...	56	...	...	4	42	...
Chicopee	Grace	A. Croswell	3	...	3	4	28	3	...	4	30	...	44
Clappville	Christ	J. H. Rouse	10	1	11	9	5	44	7	3	6	62	...
Danvers	Calvary	R. F. Chase	18	...	18	8	31	6	3	6	50	...	31
Dedham	St. Paul's	S. B. Babcock	9	2	11	16	12	180	14	5	8	100	293
Dorchester	St. Mary's	E. L. Drown	11	3	14	23	128	23	3	10	67	...	629
Fall River	Ascension	E. M. Porter	45	...	45	17	115	110	14	18	22	200	15
Great Barrington	St. James's†	C. A. L. Richards	27	...	27	...	...	120	8	5	14	60	535
Greenfield	St. James's	S. B. Jones	12	10	22	...	...	90	4	3	6	55	121
Hanover	St. Andrew's	S. Cutler	4	1	5	...	...	48	...	3	9	59	418
Haverhill	Trinity	C. H. Seymour	8	2	10	...	...	4	98	...	...	...	85
Hopkinton	St. Paul's	A. L. Barry	4	2	6	12	4	34	6	6	9	60	...
Lanesborough	St. Luke's	S. B. Shaw	3	...	3	...	...	30	...	...	2	...	...
Lawrence	Grace	G. Parkard	41	...	43	22	28	130	17	15	27	150	1073
Lee	St. George's	J. F. Spaulding	7	...	7	...	...	41	...	...	...	...	...
Lenox	Trinity	S. P. Parker	4	...	4	...	...	47	...	...	2	20	132
Lowell	St. Anne's	F. Edison, D. D.	116	15	131	30	26	417	127	24	38	400	1002
Lynn	St. Stephen's	L. W. Ballam	4	...	4	10	6	45	6	5	7	40	...
Marblehead	St. Michael's*	E. B. Chase	...	...	...	...	...	80	...	...	...	...	...
Medford	Grace*	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	54	...	...	...	...	...
Melrose	Trinity	W. H. Munroe	...	...	...	...	...	41	...	...	...	...	...
Millville	St. John's	J. V. Lewis	5	...	5	10	7	51	10	2	5	75	...
Nantucket	St. Paul's*	Vacant	10	...	10	...	...	60	...	...	...	...	...
New Bedford	Grace*	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	201	...	...	...	...	...
New Boston	St. Andrew's*	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	204	...	...	...	...	...
Newburyport	St. Paul's	W. Horton, D. D.	16	4	20	...	...	75	11	6	18	127	268
	St. Mary's	B. F. De Costa	3	2	5	5	4	118	65	4	10	140	186
Newton	Grace	J. S. C. Greene	19	6	25	31	9	87	21	3	3	60	253
North Adams	St. John's*	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	20	...	...	...	...	...
Northampton	St. John's	H. H. Bean	4	...	4	4	1	60	...	3	3	61	104
Otis	St. Paul's	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...
Pawtucket	Trinity	J. M. Peck	3	6	9	6	3	60	4	3	5	18	58
Pittsfield	St. Stephen's	E. M. Pecke	10	6	16	13	20	87	18	1	2	41	...
Plymouth	Christ*	J. J. Bowden	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Quincy	Christ*	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	27	...	...	...	...	...
	Christ*	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	54	...	...	...	...	...
Roxbury	St. James's	G. S. Converse	30	4	34	60	8	153	32	3	9	182	350
Salem	St. John's	W. R. Babcock	12	3	15	24	8	131	9	3	7	75	741
	St. Peter's	Vacant	25	8	33	15	37	212	156	6	19	150	72
Sandwich	Grace	G. D. Wildes	16	...	16	10	...	60	8	4	3	91	50
Springfield	St. John's*	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	16	...	...	...	...	...
Stockbridge	Christ	G. H. McKnight	7	...	7	7	76	165	...	4	4	80	11
Swansea	St. Paul's	S. P. Parker	...	1	1	6	3	76	...	7	5	50	6
Taunton	Christ	N. W. Munroe	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	1	...	...	...
Van Deusenville	St. Thomas's	T. H. Vail, D. D.	38	4	42	27	18	245	24	4	17	302	75
Waltham	Trinity	L. Green	8	4	12	...	...	2	37	4	6	36	1
Wilkinsonville	Christ	T. F. Pales	8	2	10	15	9	89	13	5	8	44	19
Wood's Hole	St. John's	W. G. Hawkins	1	...	1	...	...	16	...	1	...	50	...
Worcester	Messiah	T. B. Flower	...	...	...	...	...	60	...	1	...	25	...
	All Saints'	G. W. Hager	18	6	24	26	4	102	20	2	2	55	...
			1089	167	1256	746	538	7744	715	336	487	5857	294

* No Report.

† Number last reported.

‡ Report for ten years.

§ From the Bishop.

Appendix.

Dr.		BOARD OF MISSIONS TO SEAMEN in account with B. C. CLARK, Treasurer.		Cr.			
1859.	May 3.	To balance due the Treasurer.....	\$963 89	1860.	May 3.	By various donations, as per book, from July 8, 1859	\$3058 43
1860.	May 1.	" Sundry amounts disbursed at different times as per book,.....	1083 49				
		" Balance.....	1011 05				
			<u>\$3058 43</u>				<u>\$3058 43</u>
				1860.	May 1.	By Balance	\$1011 05

Boston, May 1, 1860.

B. C. CLARK,
Treasurer Board of Missions to Seamen.

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in account with ALFRED L. BAURY, *Treasurer.*

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		Charity Fund.	Annuity Fund.
1859.			
May 3.	By Balance from old account.....	\$67 02	\$266 83
4.	Christ Church, Andover, Sub. of Rev. Dr. Fuller.....		10 00
"	Christ Church, Waltham, Sub. of Rev. T. F. Fales.....		25 00
"	Grace Church, Newton Corner.....	12 00	
"	St. Peter's, Salem, Rev. Geo. Leeds, Rector,	40 00	
"	St. Andrew's, Hanover, Sub. of Rev. S. Cutler, 1859.....		20 00
"	Collection in Offertory at Convention.....	83 63	
"	Annual Sub. of Mr. Charles McBurney.....	5 00	
July 3.	Six months interest on Bond of City of Boston,		25 00
Aug. 4.	Dividend of 5 shares Great Falls Co.....	30 00	
Oct. 3.	Dividend on Bank Stock.....		256 50
Nov. 12.	Six months interest on City of Bath Bond....		30 00
1860.			
Jan. 3.	Six months interest on City of Boston Bond..		25 00
4.	Dividend on Stock in Great Falls Co.	40 00	
13.	Annual Sub. of Rev. S. A. Renouf	200	
Mar. 13.	Trinity Church, Pawtucket, Rev. J. W. Peck,	6 00	
"	St. Peter's, Salem, subject to the order of Rev. S. B. Babcock, for Mrs. Griswold.....	30 00	
14.	St. Luke's, Chelsea, Rev. J. H. Tyng	10 00	
27.	St. Anne's, Lowell, Sub. of Rev. Dr. Edson.....		25 00
29.	Sub. of Rev. R. J. Parvin of Le Roy, N. Y....		10 00
13.	St. James's, Greenfield, Rev. S. R. Jones ...	20 00	
April 4.	Dividends on Bank Stock.....		262 50
5.	Grace Church, Boston	40 00	
"	Calvary Church, Danvers, Rev. R. F. Chase.	2 25	
12.	Grace Church, Lawrence, Sub. of Rev. Dr. Packard		25 00
14.	St. Andrew's, Hanover, Sub. of Rev. S. Cut- ler, 1860		20 00
"	St. Paul's, Boston	25 00	
20	Church of the Advent, Boston		
"	\$25 for Sub. of Rev. Dr. Bolles.....		25 00
"	\$10 for Sub. of Rev. M. Stickney.....		10 00
"	Annual Subscription of F. H. Stimpson.....	1 00	
		413 90	1035 83

Boston, May 1, 1860.

[Errors excepted.]

ALFRED L. BAURY, *Treasurer.*

Dr. CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS

1860.			
May.	Rev. Samuel B. Shaw, travel,	\$10 00	
3	Rev. John Milton Peck, travel,	5 00	
"	Rev. J. F. Spaulding, travel,	10 00	
"	Rev. Lewis Green, travel,	10 00	
"	Rev. N. W. Munroe, travel,	7 00	
"	Mr. Richard Dillon, services,	6 00	
"	Envelopes and stamps,	1 00	
"	Due, (borrowed),	218 15	
	Interest on do.,	6 55	
		<hr/>	224 70
			273 70
	Cash for present dues,		176 37
			<hr/>
			\$450 07

By the above, it will be perceived we have on hand the sum of \$176 37 to meet current bills, the amount of which will probably exceed \$300.

The present report has been withheld, and the publication of the Journal delayed many days, that delinquents might have time to forward.

It is the melancholy duty of the Treasurer to report those who have not paid, and more in grief, than with any other feeling, he reluctantly records the following parishes as deficient:

IN ARREARS.

1858.

Grace Church, Medford.

1859.

St. Mark's Church, Boston.
Grace Church, Medford.
St. John's Church, Millville.

St. John's Church, Northampton.
All Saints' Church, Worcester.

1860.

St. James's Church, Amesbury.
St. Paul's Church, Auburndale.
St. John's Church, Ashfield.
St. John's Church, East Boston.
Trinity Church, Bridgewater.
St. Paul's Church, Brookline.
St. Peter's Church, Cambridge.
St. Luke's Church, Chelsea.
Grace Church, Chicopee.
Calvary Church, Danvers.
St. James's Church, Gt. Barrington.
St. James's Church, Greenfield.
Trinity Church, Lenox.
St. Stephen's Church, Lynn.

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.
Grace Church, Medford.
Trinity Church, Melrose.
St. Paul's Church, Nantucket.
Grace Church, New Bedford.
St. Andrew's Church, New Boston.
St. Mary's Church, Newton.
St. John's Church, North Adams.
St. John's Church, Northampton.
St. Paul's Church, Otis.
St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.
Christ Church, Springfield.
St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville.

Several of the above, for 1860, are clearly oversights, and would have been paid promptly, on personal application by the Treasurer.

Experience proves that a few are hopeless cases, or nearly so. The treasury is badly in debt. The arrearages, if paid, would entirely relieve the burden. Shall they not *all* be paid at once?

in account with S. B. BABCOCK, Treasurer.

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1860.		
May 3.	Cash on hand,.....	17 57
"	Christ Church, Andover,.....	8 00
"	Grace Church, Boston,.....	15 00
"	Christ Church, Swansea,.....	3 50
"	St. Andrew's Church, Chelsea,.....	8 00
"	St. John's Church, Millville,.....	6 50
"	Grace Church, Newton,.....	7 50
"	St. John's Church, Charlestown,.....	15 00
"	St. Luke's Church, Lanesboro',.....	6 00
"	St. Peter's Church, Salem,.....	15 00
"	Trinity Church, Haverhill,.....	10 00
"	St. Paul's Church, Newburyport,.....	8 00
"	St. Andrew's Church, Hanover,.....	8 00
"	St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge,.....	6 00
"	Grace Church, Lawrence,.....	10 00
"	Christ Church, Boston,.....	15 00
"	Trinity Church, Pawtucket,.....	6 00
"	All Saints' Church, Worcester,.....	12 00
"	St. Matthew's Church, Boston,.....	10 00
"	Advent Church, Boston,.....	30 00
"	Ascension Church, Fall River,.....	6 00
"	St. James's Church, Roxbury,.....	10 00
"	St. Mary's Church, Dorchester,.....	10 00
"	Grace Church, Salem,.....	13 00
"	St. George's Church, Lee,.....	5 00
"	Trinity Church, Vandeusenville,.....	3 00
"	Church of Messiah, Wood's Hole,.....	2 00
"	St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain,.....	18 00
17.	Trinity Church, Boston,.....	30 00
26.	St. Anne's Church, Lowell,.....	16 00
28.	St. Mark's, Church Boston,.....	10 00
29.	Church of the Messiah, Boston,.....	20 00
"	St. Paul's Church, Dedham,.....	12 00
"	Christ Church, Waltham,.....	7 00
"	St. Thomas's Church, Taunton,.....	10 00
30.	St. Paul's Church, Boston,.....	50 00
"	Christ Church, Cambridge,.....	11 00
		450 07

(Errors excepted.)

SAMUEL B. BABCOCK, Treasurer.

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED BY THE TREASURER

From whom received.	Diocesan.	Domestic.	Foreign.	Special.	Total.
Andover — Christ Church, -	\$81 26	..	..	..	81 26
Ashfield — St. John's, -	5 00	..	..	..	5 00
Amesbury — St. James's, -	..	..	..	..	..
Auburndale — St. Paul's, -	..	..	..	..	..
Boston — Advent, -	105 00	..	6 00	..	110 00
" — Christ, -	40 00	..	..	..	40 00
" — Grace, -	130 00	180 00	145 00	..	455 00
" — St. John's, -	28 00	..	..	..	28 00
" — St. Matthew's, -	50 00	10 00	5 00	..	65 00
" — Messiah, -	62 00	..	20 00	..	82 00
" — St. Mark's, -	100 00	..	..	..	100 00
" — St. Paul's, -	671 60	615 79	506 45	1702 27	3496 14
" — St. Stephen's, -	175 00	..	..	..	175 00
" — Trinity, -	749 04	..	760 40	..	1509 44
Bridgewater — Trinity, -	..	..	..	..	..
Brookline — St. Paul's, -	210 00	..	..	..	210 00
Chicopee — Grace, -	16 00	..	..	..	16 00
Cambridge — Christ, -	55 00	79 00	44 00	85 00	263 00
Cambridgeport — St. Peter's, -	..	5 75	5 75	..	11 50
Charlestown — St. John's, -	52 00	100 00	..	..	152 00
Chelsea — St. Luke's, -	10 00	..	..	..	10 00
" — St. Andrew's, -	..	..	..	..	..
Clappville — Christ, -	..	..	..	..	..
Dedham — St. Paul's, -	147 92	..	..	..	147 92
Danvers — Calvary, -	10 00	..	..	..	10 00
Dorchester — St. Mary's, -	135 00	150 00	144 00	..	429 00
Fall River — Ascension, -	10 00	..	..	..	10 00
Great Barrington — St. James's, -	62 54	..	..	..	62 54
Greenfield — St. James's, -	..	..	..	..	..
Haverhill — Trinity, -	7 00	..	..	..	7 00
Hanover — St. Andrew's, -	50 00	25 00	63 00	..	138 00
Hopkinton — St. Paul's, -	..	3 00	3 00	..	6 00
Jamaica Plain — St. John's, -	190 0	100 00	100 00	..	390 00
Lanesboro' — St. Luke's, -	27 33	5 00	10 00	..	42 33
Lawrence — Grace, -	60 00	..	..	..	60 00
Lenox — Trinity, -	36 07	..	..	..	36 07
Lowell — St. Anne's, -	118 00	..	..	..	118 00
Lee, — St. George's, -	20 00	..	..	..	20 00
Lynn — St. Stephen's, -	..	..	..	..	..
Marblehead — St. Michael's, -	..	50 00	..	..	50 00
Medford — Grace, -	22 50	..	..	..	22 50
Millsville — St. John's, -	..	..	..	..	..
Melrose — St. Luke's, -	..	..	..	..	..
Nantucket — St. Paul's, -	..	..	..	..	..
New Bedford — Grace, -	66 73	..	..	..	66 73
Newton Corner — Grace, -	134 00	..	..	..	134 00
Newburyport — St. Paul's, -	25 00	32 00	30 00	..	87 00
New Boston — St. Andrew's, -	..	..	..	..	..
Newton L. Falls — St. Mary's, -	45 22	..	..	..	45 22
Northampton — St. John's, -	13 22	..	..	..	13 22
North Adams — St. John's, -	..	..	..	..	..
Otis — St. Paul's, -	..	..	..	..	..
Pawtucket — Trinity, -	6 30	..	..	..	6 30
Plymouth — Christ, -	..	..	..	..	..
Pittsfield — St. Stephen's, -	16 75	..	..	..	16 75
Quincy — Christ, -	..	..	..	..	..
Roxbury — St. James's, -	100 00	..	..	..	100 00
Salem — St. Peter's, -	237 50	126 37	130 00	75 00	568 87
Sandwich, — St. John's, -	..	..	..	..	..
Springfield — Christ, -	..	..	..	..	..
Stockbridge — St. Paul's, -	13 93	..	..	..	13 93
Swansea — Christ, -	..	..	..	..	..
Taunton — St. Thomas's, -	125 00	..	..	..	125 00
Van Deusenville — Trinity, -	20 00	..	5 00	..	25 00
Walham — Christ, -	92 50	45 00	45 00	..	182 50
Wilkinsonville — St. John's, -	..	..	..	..	..
Wood's Hole — Messiah, -	30 96	31 00	45 16	..	107 12
Worcester — All Saints', -	..	..	..	..	..
Individual Donations -	25 00	25 00	58 19	..	108 19
	4338 87	1532 91	2124 96	1862 27	9903 55

Dr. MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MISSIONS, *in account with* JAMES B. DOW, Treasurer. Cr.

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Boston, May, 1860.

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JAMES B. DOW, Treasurer.



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IN CONVENTION, JUNE, 1841, 1846, MAY, 1852, JANUARY, 1856,
AND MAY, 1859.

ARTICLE I.

THIS Church, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, accedes to the General Constitution of that Church, and acknowledges its authority.

ARTICLE II.

There shall be a stated Convention of the Church in this Diocese, at Boston, on the second Wednesday in June, in every year, unless a different time and place be fixed on by a preceding Convention. Special meetings of the Convention shall be called by the Bishop, when, in his judgment, the good of the Church may require it, or when the Standing Committee shall request it. And when the Episcopal Chair is vacant, the Standing Committee shall have power to call such Convention. Provided, always, that no business shall be done at any special Convention, other than is specified in the notice calling such Convention.

ARTICLE III.

The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen.

The Bishop and the assistant Bishop, when there is one, shall have a seat and a vote in the Convention. Every other clergyman of the Church of whatever order, being a settled minister,

or regularly officiating in some parish within this Diocese; or being a President, Professor, Tutor or Instructor in some College or Seminary of learning, and performing clerical functions; or being a Missionary under the direction of the ecclesiastical authority of this Diocese, or a Chaplain in the army or navy of the United States, or in any benevolent or other public institution, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, if he have been actually as well as canonically resident within this Diocese, for the space of six calendar months next before the meeting of the Convention, and has, for the same period, been employed in performing the duties of his station, or have been canonically instituted. Provided, however, that no clergyman otherwise entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, shall, by reason of advanced years, or infirm health, or temporary absence, be divested of such privilege.

Every parish in this Diocese, in union with this Convention, shall be entitled to send to the Convention a lay delegate, or delegates, not exceeding three, a certificate of whose appointment, signed by the Wardens or Parish Clerk, shall, before his or their admission to a seat, be laid before the Convention. Provided, that no person shall be competent to serve as a lay delegate unless he be a stated worshipper in the parish which he represents. The delegation from each parish shall be entitled on a division, by orders, to but one vote.

ARTICLE IV.

New parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention, on motion, by a majority of votes, provided they shall have laid before the Convention written evidence, subscribed by the Wardens and Vestry, that they have been duly organized for the space of one year, and during that time have held regular public services, and accede to the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

ARTICLE V.

The Bishop of this Diocese shall preside in the Convention. But in case of vacancy, or necessary absence, the members shall elect a president from among the clergy.

ARTICLE VI.

. A Secretary shall be chosen upon the assembling of the Annual Convention, from among the members thereof, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Convention.

ARTICLE VII.

The members of the Convention present on due notification, and duly organized, shall constitute a quorum to transact the ordinary business of the Convention. The clergy and lay delegates shall deliberate as one body, and vote as such, except when a division is called for by three clerical members, or by the lay delegations from three parishes represented in the Convention; in which case a concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to carry any measure. All elections shall be by ballot, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

ARTICLE VIII.

There shall be a Standing Committee, to consist of six members; three clergymen and three laymen. They shall keep regular minutes of their proceedings, and shall report the same annually to the Convention. A majority shall be a quorum.

ARTICLE IX.

This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any article, except at the annual meeting of the Convention; nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed and accepted by the Convention for consideration at one annual meeting previous to its adoption.

CANON of 1828,

AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1849.

Respecting Contingent Expenses.

It shall be the duty of every parish in this State, after the first day of January, 1829, to raise and send to the Treasurer of the Convention, to defray the contingent expenses of the Church in this Diocese, a sum of money annually, which shall be as much as *one per centum* on the salary of its minister; and those parishes which are destitute of a clergyman, and which are represented by lay delegates in the Convention, shall pay at least five dollars annually, or send a certified copy of a vote that they are unable to pay the same; and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to certify in his annual report what parishes have neglected to comply with the requisitions of this Canon. The money thus raised and paid into the treasury of the Convention, shall be subject to appropriation by a majority of the votes of the Standing Committee, or of such committee as shall be appointed by the Convention; and the following appropriations shall always be deemed proper, namely: to pay the travelling expenses of the Bishop of this Convention; to pay the travelling expenses of such clerical members of the Convention as cannot afford to pay the same, not exceeding ten dollars to any clergyman in one year; to pay the travelling expenses of the clerical delegates to the General Triennial Convention, not exceeding twenty-five dollars to each clerical delegate; to pay to the delegates of the Church in this Diocese to the General Convention, such sums as shall enable them to pay the quota assessed on the several Churches in this Diocese by each General Convention, for the contingent expenses thereof; and to pay for publishing the Journals of this Convention, and such other publications as shall be published by order of this Convention; and every parish shall be entitled to five copies, at least, of every publication printed by order of the Convention.

But no clergyman shall be entitled to any appropriation from the Contingent Fund, unless the parish of which he is the minister shall have paid its annual quota of *one per centum*, or send a certified copy of a vote that it is unable to pay the same. Neither shall any parish, thus neglecting to comply with the requisitions of the Canon, receive more than five copies of the Journal.

Canon of 1844.***Respecting the increase of the Episcopal Fund.***

In every parish in this Diocese, a collection shall be annually made on Trinity Sunday, and paid over to the Treasurer of the Trustees of Donations of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, to be added to the permanent fund for the support of the Bishop of this Diocese; and the said Treasurer shall report annually to this Convention, the amount by him received from each parish.

Canons of 1846,

AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1852.

I.

Of proceedings in the case of a Minister, not being a Bishop, accused by public rumor or otherwise of offences for which he may be tried.

SECT. 1. The mode of presentment and trial of a Minister, for any offence for which, by the laws of the General Convention or of this Diocese, he is or may be liable to be tried, shall be as follows :

Information of his offence shall first be given in writing to the Standing Committee, which information, any member of this Church is hereby declared competent to give. The Standing Committee shall thereupon proceed to a preliminary consideration of the case; and in their discretion, if they see fit, may make a formal presentment of the offence to the Bishop.

Such presentment shall be made in writing, addressed to the Bishop, stating the charges made against the accused, with specifications as to time, place, and circumstances; and any of the specifications in said presentment may be amended from time to time by the Judge Advocate, as the Court may order; and in case there shall be no Bishop, or in case the Bishop shall be implicated in the offence, or shall be related to the accused by consanguinity or affinity, the Standing Committee shall then request the Bishop of some other Diocese to receive the presentment, who, upon the application of the Standing Committee, may proceed in the case, and exercise the same powers as belong, or are granted, to the Bishop of the Diocese.

SECT. 2. Any Minister of this Diocese, not being a Bishop, accused by public rumor or otherwise, of any offence or offences for which he may be tried as aforesaid, may, for himself, request the Standing Committee to institute such examination and inquiry respecting the truth of the charges against him; and, in such case, it shall be the duty of the Standing Committee to institute such examination and inquiry, and to proceed in like manner, as is provided in section first of the Canon.

II.

Of the trial of a Clergyman, not being a Bishop.

SECT. 1. Upon such presentment being made by the Standing Committee, as is provided in the foregoing Canon, the Bishop shall, as soon as may be, cause a copy of such presentment to be served on the accused, and shall also nominate nine Presbyters of the Diocese, entitled to seats in the Convention, and not being parties to the presentment, nor witnesses in the case, and shall cause a list of their names to be served on the accused, who shall, within thirty days after such service, select five of them, and notify their names in writing to the Bishop; and if he shall not give such notification to the Bishop within said thirty days, the Bishop shall then select five, and the Presbyters so selected shall form an Ecclesiastical Court for the trial of the accused.

SECT. 2. The Court, thus constituted, shall meet at such time and place within the Diocese, as the Bishop shall direct, and shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, within the Diocese, as they shall deem necessary; and the Bishop shall cause a written notice of the time and place of the first meeting of the said Court to be served at least thirty days before the time of meeting, on the accused, and also on the Secretary of the Standing Committee.

SECT. 3. If, at the time appointed for the first meeting of the said Court, the whole number of five shall not attend, those who do attend, may adjourn from time to time; or being not less than three in number, they shall have the right to proceed, in case they shall see fit, to a hearing and trial of the case; and their decision, if unanimous, shall be as binding as if the whole Court had been present; but in case their decision shall not be unanimous,

the Bishop shall, at the request of the accused, or of the Standing Committee, order a new trial.

SECT. 4. If a clergyman presented shall confess the truth of the facts alleged in the presentment, the Court shall, in writing, certify the same to the Bishop, and state their opinion as to the sentence that ought to be pronounced; and it shall be the duty of the Bishop to proceed to pass sentence, in the manner hereinafter provided. And if a clergyman presented as aforesaid, after having had due notice, shall fail or neglect to appear before the Court of Presbyters appointed for his trial, unless prevented by sickness or other sufficient cause, he shall be suspended from the exercise of his clerical functions for the term of six months; and if during that period, he shall not apply for a trial, he shall then be degraded from the ministry.

SECT. 5. When the Court proceed to the trial, they shall hear such competent evidence as shall be produced, which evidence shall be reduced to writing, and signed by the witnesses respectively; and some officer authorized by law to administer oaths, may, at the desire of either party, be requested to administer an oath or affirmation to the witnesses. If, on or during the trial, the accused shall confess the truth of the charges as stated in the presentment, the Court may dispense with hearing further evidence, and may proceed at once to state their opinion to the Bishop as to the sentence that ought to be pronounced.

SECT. 6. Upon the application of either party to the Bishop, and it being made satisfactorily to appear to him, that any material witnesses cannot be procured upon the trial, the Bishop may appoint a Commissary to take the testimony of such witnesses. Such Commissary may be either a clergyman or a layman, and the party so applying, shall give to the other at least six days' notice of the time and place of taking the testimony. And if the person on whom the notice shall be served, shall reside more than forty miles from the place of examination, an additional day's notice shall be given for every additional twenty miles of the said distance. And both parties may attend and examine the witness, and the questions and answers shall be reduced to writing and signed by the witness, and shall be certified by the Commissary, and enclosed under his seal, and transmitted to the Court, and

shall be received by them as evidence. A witness examined before such Commissary may be sworn or affirmed in manner aforesaid.

SECT. 7. The Court, having deliberately considered the evidence, shall declare in a writing signed by them, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether the accused is guilty or not guilty of such charges respectively, and also stating the sentence which, in their opinion, should be pronounced; and a copy of such decision shall be, without delay, communicated to the accused; and the original decision, together with the evidence, shall be delivered to the Bishop, who shall pronounce such canonical sentence as shall appear to him to be proper, provided the same shall not exceed in severity the sentence recommended by the Court; and such sentence shall be final. Before pronouncing any sentence, the Bishop shall summon the accused, and any three or more Presbyters of the Diocese, to meet him at such time as may in his opinion be most convenient, in some church to be designated by him, which shall for that purpose be open at the time to all persons who may choose to attend; and the sentence shall then and there be publicly pronounced by the Bishop. But the Bishop, if he shall be satisfied that justice requires it, may grant a new trial to the accused, in which case a new Court of Presbyters shall be appointed, the proceedings before whom shall be conducted as before mentioned.

SECT. 8. All citations and notices contemplated in this Canon shall be signed by the Bishop, and may be served by a summoner or summoners, to be appointed for the purpose by the Bishop, and whose certificate of such service shall be evidence thereof. In case of service by any other person, the fact shall be proved by the affidavit of such person. A written citation or notice delivered to a party, or left at his last place of residence, shall be deemed a sufficient service of such citation or notice.

SECT. 9. Advocates or Proctors shall be allowed on both sides, at the pleasure of the parties, provided they are clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese, or laymen who have been communicants of some parish of the same, at least two years before the time of trial.

Canon of 1846.
Of Communicants.

Whenever the Bishop shall institute an inquiry on the subject of repelling a person from the Holy Communion, according to the rubrics and the canons of the General Convention, he shall summon a council of two presbyters and two laymen, of which he shall be president, to decide upon the case.

Canon of 1847,
AS AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1848 AND 1860.
Of Elections.

The deputies to the General Convention from this Diocese shall be chosen at the meeting of this Convention holden in each year of the stated meeting of the General Convention; who shall continue in office until the meeting of this Convention, next preceding the stated meeting of the General Convention, on the third year next after their election, and until others shall be chosen in their place.

Substitutes for deputies shall be chosen at the same time, and in the same manner as the deputies are. And in the event of the resignation or inability of any deputy, clerical or lay, such vacancy shall be filled from the substitutes respectively, in the order in which they were chosen.

Canon of 1858.
Of the Appointment of a Diocesan Registrar.

SECT. 1. A Registrar shall be elected by this Convention, whose duty it shall be to procure such papers, files, reports, journals, records and other documents, relative to the history of the Church in this Diocese, as are now, or may hereafter become, the property of this Convention, and preserve the same in some safe and accessible place of deposit; and to hold the same under such regulations and restrictions, as this Convention may from time to time provide.

SECT. 2. Said Registrar shall hold his office for one year, or until another be appointed in his place.

CANON of 1859.

Of the Missionary Organisation of the Diocese,

AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1890.

SECTION 1. Each of the four District Associations of this Diocese shall, at its first meeting after Easter, elect three clerical delegates who shall represent it in the Board of Missions.

SECT. 2. Every Parish in this Diocese, having within the year preceding, contributed at least fifty dollars to the funds of the Board, shall be entitled to one lay representative in the same.

SECT. 3. The term of service of the Delegates shall commence at the close of the Annual Convention.

SECT. 4. Parochial and lay delegates shall be chosen annually at parish meetings, or by the Wardens and Vestry, and shall continue in office until others are chosen in their places, or until the parish has forfeited the right of representation in the Board, by a non-compliance with the conditions of this Canon.

SECT. 5. The persons so chosen, with the Bishop of the Diocese, who shall be *ex officio*, a member and, when present, the presiding officer, shall constitute the Board of Missions, which shall have full charge and control of all monies contributed to its funds, except in so far as they may be limited by donors of funds for special purposes. The members present at any stated or duly notified meeting shall be a quorum.

SECT. 6. Stated meetings of the Board shall be held at least once in two months.

SECT. 7. One or more missionaries at large shall be appointed by the Board, whose duty it shall be to visit, explore and officiate under its direction.

EXTRACT FROM THE

Canon of the General Convention of 1853.

Of the mode of securing an accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time.

SECTION 1. As a full and accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time, is highly useful and necessary, it is hereby ordered that every Minister of this Church, or, if the Parish be vacant, the Wardens, shall present, or cause to be delivered, on or before the first day of every annual Convention, to the Bishop of the Diocese, or, where there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and funerals, and of the number of communicants in his parish or Church, also, the state and condition of the Sunday Schools in his Parish, also of the amount of the communion alms, the contributions for Missions, diocesan, domestic, and foreign, for parochial schools, for Church purposes in general, and of all other matters that may throw light on the state of the same. And every other Clergyman not regularly settled in any Parish or Church, shall also report the occasional services he may have performed; and, if he have performed no such services, the causes or reasons which have prevented the same. And these reports, or such parts of them as the Bishop shall think fit, may be read in the Convention, and shall be entered on the journals thereof.

Rules of Order.

RULE I. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.

No member shall absent himself from the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house; nor more than once, until others desiring to speak shall have spoken.

While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

Every member who shall be in the house, when any question is put, shall vote, unless he be personally interested in the question, or shall be excused by the Convention for reasons assigned.

RULE II. No motion shall be considered as before the Convention, unless seconded by a member not belonging to the same parish with the mover; and every motion shall be reduced to writing, and the name of the mover appended.

RULE III. When the report of a committee is presented, it shall be read and entered on the minutes, unless otherwise determined by the house; and, if accompanied by resolutions, the question shall be on adopting them.

RULE IV. When a question is before the Convention, it shall be in order—

1. To lay on the table;
2. To postpone to a day certain;
3. To commit;
4. To amend;
5. To postpone indefinitely;

and a motion for any one of these proceedings may be considered as having precedence in the order in which they are here named; and a question on any of these proceedings shall be decided before the original motion.

RULE V. An address or communication from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.

RULE VI. Any member may call for the division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

RULE VII. The question of adjournment shall always be in order; and that, together with a motion to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.

RULE VIII. When votes by orders are taken, they shall be entered on the minutes.

RULE IX. On all questions of order, the President shall decide, subject to an appeal to the house.

RULE X. A question, being decided, shall not be reconsidered during the same session, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present, nor unless the motion to reconsider be made and seconded by members who voted in the majority on the original decision.



LIST OF THE CLERGY
OF THE
Diocese of Massachusetts.

MAY, A. D. 1860.

- The Right Rev. MANTON EASTBURN, D.D., Bishop
of the Diocese, and Rector of Trinity Church, Boston.
- The Rev. HENRY W. ADAMS, residing in New York.
- The Rev. NATHANIEL G. ALLEN, Rector of St. Paul's
Church, Auburndale.
- The Rev. BENJAMIN B. BABBITT, Rector of Christ
Church, Andover.
- The Rev. WILLIAM R. BABCOCK, Rector of St. John's
Church, Jamaica Plain.
- The Rev. SAMUEL B. BABCOCK, Rector of St. Paul's
Church, Dedham, and Treasurer of the Convention.
- The Rev. WILLIAM S. BARTLET, residing at Chelsea.
- The Rev. ALFRED L. BAURY, Rector of St. Paul's Church,
Hopkinton, residing in Boston.
- The Rev. HENRY H. BEAN, Rector of St. John's Church,
Northampton.
- The Rev. JAMES A. BOLLES, D. D., Rector of the Church
of the Advent, Boston.
- The Rev. JAMES J. BOWDEN, Rector of Christ Church,
Pittsfield.
- The Rev. JOHN T. BURRILL, Rector of Christ Church,
Boston.
- The Rev. HENRY BURROUGHS, Jr., residing in Boston.

The Rev. GEORGE T. CHAPMAN, D.D., residing in Newburyport.

The Rev. EDWIN B. CHASE, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

The Rev. MOSES B. CHASE, Chaplain in the United States' Navy, Navy Yard, Charlestown.

The Rev. ROBERT F. CHASE, Rector of Calvary Church, Danvers.

The Rev. WILLIAM S. CHILD.

The Rev. JOSEPH H. CLINCH, Chaplain of the City Institutions, South Boston, and Secretary of the Convention.

The Rev. WILLIAM B. COLBURN.

The Rev. G. S. CONVERSE, Rector of St. James's Church, Roxbury.

The Rev. ANDREW CROSWELL.

The Rev. SAMUEL CUTLER, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.

The Rev. BENJAMIN F. DECOSTA, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls.

The Rev. EDWARD L. DROWN, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Dorchester.

The Rev. SAMUEL J. EVANS, Rector of St. John's Church, East Boston.

The Rev. THEODORE EDSON, D. D., Rector of St. Anne's Church, Lowell.

The Rev. D. G. ESTES, Rector of St. James's Church, Amesbury.

The Rev. THOMAS F. FALES, Rector of Christ Church, Waltham.

The Rev. JUSTIN FIELD.

The Rev. THOMAS B. FLOWER, Rector of the Church of the Messiah, Wood's Hole.

The Rev. FRANCIS A. FOXCROFT, residing in Boston.

- The Rev. SAMUEL FULLER, D.D., Professor in Berkley Divinity School, Middletown, Connecticut.
- The Rev. LEWIS GREEN, Rector of Trinity Church, Van Deusenville.
- The Rev. J. S. COPLEY GREENE, Rector of Grace Church, Newton Corner.
- The Rev. E. W. HAGER, Rector of All Saints' Church, Worcester.
- The Rev. BENJAMIN HALE, D.D., residing at Newburyport.
- The Rev. ISAAC W. HALLAM.
- The Rev. DAVID G. HASKINS, Principal of a School for Young Ladies, Boston.
- The Rev. WILLIAM G. HAWKINS, Rector of St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville.
- The Rev. NICHOLAS HOPPIN, D.D., Rector of Christ Church, Cambridge.
- The Rev. WILLIAM HORTON, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.
- The Rev. WILLIAM A. JENKS.
- The Rev. S. RUSSELL JONES, Rector of St. James's Church, Greenfield.
- The Rev. CYRUS F. KNIGHT, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Boston.
- The Rev. THOMAS B. LAMBERT, Rector of St. John's Church, Charlestown.
- The Rev. JOHN V. LEWIS, Rector of St. John's Church, Millville.
- The Rev. ARTHUR MASON, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Chelsea.
- The Rev. CHARLES MASON, D. D., Rector of Grace Church, Boston.
- The Rev. GEORGE H. MCKNIGHT, Rector of Christ Church, Springfield.
- The Rev. ARCHIBALD M. MORRISON.

- The Rev. WILLIAM H. MUNROE, Rector of Trinity Church, Melrose.
- The Rev. WILLIAM R. NICHOLSON, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Boston.
- The Rev. GEORGE PACKARD, Rector of Grace Church, Lawrence.
- The Rev. WILLIAM P. PAGE, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport.
- The Rev. EDMUND B. PALMER, residing in Boston.
- The Rev. SAMUEL P. PARKER, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.
- The Rev. JOHN M. PECK, Rector of Trinity Church, Pawtucket.
- The Rev. EDWARD M. PECKE, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.
- The Rev. JESSE A. PENNIMAN, Rector of Trinity Church, Lenox.
- The Rev. EMERY M. PORTER, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Fall River.
- The Rev. DEXTER POTTER, assisting at St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston.
- The Rev. RICHARD F. PUTNAM, Deacon, engaged in teaching, Boston.
- The Rev. GEORGE M. RANDALL, D. D., Rector of the Church of the Messiah, Boston.
- The Rev. SPENCER M. RICE.
- The Rev. C. A. L. RICHARDS, Rector of St. James's Church, Great Barrington.
- The Rev. JOHN P. ROBINSON, Rector of the Free Church of St. Mary for Sailors, Boston.
- The Rev. JOHN H. ROUSE, Rector of Christ Church, Clappville.
- The Rev. CHARLES HENRY SEYMOUR, Rector of Trinity Church, Haverhill.
- The Rev. SAMUEL BRENTON SHAW, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough.

- The Rev. GEORGE C. SHEPARD, D. D.
 The Rev. EDMUND F. SLAFTER, agent of the American Bible Society, residing in Boston.
 The Rev. THEODORE W. SNOW, residing at Brookline.
 The Rev. JOHN F. SPAULDING, Rector of St. George's Church, Lee.
 The Rev. MOSES P. STICKNEY, officiating in the Church of the Advent, Boston.
 The Rev. JOHN S. STONE, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Brookline.
 The Rev. JULIUS S. TOWNSEND, Rector of Grace Church, Attleborough.
 The Rev. WILLIAM H. TRAPNELL.
 The Rev. JAMES H. TYNG, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Chelsea.
 The Rev. THOMAS H. VAIL, D. D., Rector of St. Thomas's Church, Taunton.
 The Rev. JOHN WAYLAND, D. D., residing in Roxbury.
 The Rev. E. M. P. WELLS, D.D., Minister of St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston.
 The Rev. GEORGE D. WILDES, Rector of Grace Church, Salem.

The following Clergymen, though actually, are not canonically, resident in the Diocese.

- The Rev. FRANCIS BYRNE, Deacon, of the Diocese of Jamaica, West Indies.
 The Rev. NATHAN WATSON MUNROE, of the Diocese of New York, officiating at Swansea.

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Notice.

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JOSEPH H. CLINCH,
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South Boston, May, 1860.

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(Authorized by vote of Convention of 1849.)

[Name of Town] ——— A. D. 18—.

This is to certify, that at a regular meeting of the Parish of _____ Church, _____, held on the — day of ——— 18—, the following persons, viz :

Messrs. _____,
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were duly elected lay delegates to represent this Parish in the next Diocesan Convention, to be held in _____ Church, in _____, on the — day of ———, A. D. 18—, and that they are stated worshippers in this Parish.

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